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14.2

percent is Milledgeville's unemployment rate

Source: ajc.com

# Student, Roethlisberger center of sexual assault investigation

BY ELISE COLCORD  
STAFF WRITER

Pittsburgh Steelers starting quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger made an appearance in downtown Milledgeville on March 4 and left the following morning with accusations of sexual assault on a GCSU student hanging over his head.

A Milledgeville police officer was approached outside the Capital City nightclub between the hours of 11 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. by the alleged victim and witnesses with claims of sexual assault in the early morning hours of March 5. According to a police report, the assailant was described as a white male approximately 6-foot 4-inches tall and weighing 241 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes.

According to a Milledgeville Police Department incident report and news release, Roethlisberger, a two-time Super Bowl winner, was identified by the alleged victim as the perpetrator.

The alleged victim was transported to Oconee Medical Regional Center. Police Chief Woodrow Blue said investigators would be seeking DNA samples from Roethlisberger. No charges have been filed against Roethlisberger.

## Media responds

Within 24 hours, various national and local media outlets flooded the streets of downtown Milledgeville searching for information about the incident. Reporters talked to business owners, law enforcement and even GCSU community members.

National media outlets were camped out at various college student hangouts around town, eager to interview any student willing to talk. Many media members were interested in identifying the alleged victim, as well as gathering any information they could about the night the alleged incident took place. The more rehashing of minor details of the story by the media, the more the stu-

dents seemed to be clamming up about the incident and wondering about Roethlisberger himself. "I just think that he's a really sad person and it's

really sad that they (the

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Tom Davis, special agent in charge of the GBI's regional office in Milledgeville, and Milledgeville Police Chief Woodrow Blue address the media this past Monday regarding the GCSU student who reported a sexual assault at Capital City.

## Starting a business 101

*Masters of business program stopping, liberal arts masters of business to begin*

BY CLAIRE DYKES  
SENIOR REPORTER

With the job market looking less appealing than it has in decades, opening a business could be a better prospect.

In effort to help students obtain more appealing qualities and traits for running a business, the Masters of Business degree GCSU's Milledgeville campus currently offers will be replaced by the Liberal Arts Masters of Business come this summer. The Macon and Warner Robins campuses will remain with the MBA.

Students who are currently in the MBA program in Milledgeville can continue through graduation,

but no new students will be accepted.

The 15-month, 16-course program is directed toward students with undergraduate degrees in fields with a focus on opening a business. Students who majored in business during their undergraduate education will not be considered.

Applicants thus far have included students who hold undergraduate degrees in fashion management from the University of Georgia, art history majors, mass communication majors and many others.

James Watters, newly accepted to the Liberal Arts MBA program, was a biology major at Birmingham Southern

### Liberal Arts Masters of Business

## What is it?

A 15-month, 16-course, cohort style program that will replace the current Masters of Business degree this summer

## Who is it for?

Students with undergraduate degrees in fields other than business with a focus on opening a business (undergraduate business majors will not be considered)

GRAPHIC BY REBECCA BURNS

College, graduated in December. He'll start the program this June.

"I want to work for a health care organization," Watters said. "This program gives you a broader background (than other MBA programs)."

Dr. Catherine Whelan, chair of the department of accounting, is part of the task force finalizing of the new Liberal Arts MBA.

"The program goes through the different steps entrepreneurs

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## Alumna donates \$1 million

BY LAUREN DAVIDSON  
STAFF WRITER

It's not every day that GCSU receives individual donations as large and generous as the one Martha Newell, a GCSU alumna, recently made to university.

Newell donated \$1 million that will fund a visiting scholar endowment. The visiting scholar endowment allows GCSU to bring in scholars from renowned universities all over the U.S. The program gives students and faculty the chance to hear from scholars who have extensive knowledge in many of the arts and science areas of study.

Newell graduated from GCSU, which was then Georgia State College for Women, in 1942. According to Newell, the university was a small school with about 600 girls attending and the education she received was not nearly as challenging as the one GCSU offers today. Newell said she can see all the changes GCSU has made since she graduated in 1942.

"When I took a look at it (GCSU) a few years ago I saw a lot of things happening that I really liked, that I thought was making

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## Report: Student-athletes doing well academically

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON  
SENIOR REPORTER

Student-athletes at GCSU are not just having success on the field of play, but they also appear to be doing well in the classroom.

An annual report to the Student Affairs Policy Committee last week indicated that the student-athletes are matching and surpassing the general student population in terms of grade point average. The report was presented at the meeting by Dr. Ken Farr, a professor of economics and the faculty athletic representa-

tive at GCSU.

According to the report, for the 2008-09 academic year, GCSU student-athletes accumulated an overall GPA of 3.077 compared to a 3.027 GPA put up by the general student population. GCSU also had the highest percentage of its student-athletes on the 2008-09 Peach Belt Conference Presidential Honor Roll. The Presidential Honor Roll recognizes all the student-athletes at member institutions who maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the academic year. Out of the 160 student athletes at GCSU, 92 of them made

this list. There were 24 Gold scholars (3.75-4.0), 21 Silver Scholars (3.50-3.74), 26 Bronze Scholars (3.25-3.49) and 21 Presidential Scholars (3.0-3.24).

"We're very pleased with the report that came out," Athletic Director Wendell Staton said. "Excellence in academics and athletics has become the standard, and we're looking to continue that."

The role of the F.A.R. at each NCAA-member institution is to ensure that the academic institution establishes



**A Spectacle to Behold**  
Marvel at the total transformations undergone for the Pride Alliance Drag Show.

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# Flashback:



GCSU LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Three students of Georgia State College for Women enjoy a warm day on bicycles in 1943.

## This month in Colonnade history:

Over 100 members of Georgia House of Representatives and Senate visited Georgia State College for Women March 3, 1933. They inspected the institution and attended a music program presented by student body. That evening one law-maker of Jackson County said the college was "the greatest wife factory in the world."

March 7, 1933  
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A charm school, a series of instructive programs for the improvement of personality and natural charm, was introduced by the Sophomore Commission of the Young Women Christian Association in 1932. The series was expected to cover fashion, singing, manners, dance, religion, correct dress and speech and "promises to do much towards aiding each of its pupils to be as attractive as nature attended her to be," reported The Colonnade.

March 7, 1932  
Vol. 7 No. 15

Issues of The Colonnade from 1925 to 1975 are now available to be viewed on microfilm in the library.

The Colonnade is taking two weeks off and will not publish another issue until April 2.



GRAPHIC BY REBECCA BURNS

## Information on applying for 2010-11 SABC funds

SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

The Student Activity Budget Committee is now considering requests for funds for the 2010-11 academic year. In order to be considered for allocation, each student activity fee funded group, or group wishing to be funded for the first time, must submit a budget preparation statement stating the overall purpose and objectives of the group, justification for funding of the group, budgetary explanations for the next fiscal year, and the latest computer printout of the current fiscal year budget (if currently receiving funds). Eight copies are required for submission to SABC.

Groups are encouraged to provide any comments or information that may assist the SABC in evaluating the budget request. However the following are specific questions that must be answered in the development of the budget preparation statement:

- What is the purpose of the organization or activity?
- What are the goals and objectives of the organization or activity?
- What are the expected learning outcomes of the organization and how will student activity fees be used to support these outcomes?

4. How does the organization or activity support the educational purpose of Georgia College & State University?

5. How many students and others are involved in the services provided by the organization or activity?

6. What other sources of funding does the organization or activity receive?

7. How can additional budget expenditures be justified?

8. What services would be curtailed and/or deleted if the budget allocation were lower than this year's level?

9. What additional services would be provided if additional funds were given?

In summary, the budget request should reflect all proposed expenditures for the next fiscal year and eight copies are required. Groups should indicate who prepared the budget request and obtain a faculty/staff adviser's signature and eight copies of the latest computer printout of the budget should also be submitted if the organization is returning.

Detailed information on the Student Activity Budget Committee can be found on the GCSU Web site at [www.gcsu.edu/studentlife/advisory.htm](http://www.gcsu.edu/studentlife/advisory.htm)

All information is due to Dr. Paul Jahr in the office of Student Affairs (Parks Hall, Room 206) by 4 p.m. on March 19.

## GCSU installs two new defibrillators

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU now boasts a safer campus, thanks to the addition of two automated external defibrillators. A defibrillator can save a life by measuring a weak or irregular heartbeat and administering an electrical shock to stabilize it.

Student Government Association president Zach Mullins and newly-elected vice president Evan Karanovich worked together on the project, and with the assistance of Justin Gaines, coordinator of Emergency Preparedness and Occupational Safety for GCSU. The project showed its first results Feb. 26, when the two AEDs were installed.

One AED is located in the Student Activity Center and the other is at the intramural fields on West Campus.

"We chose the Student Activity Center and the intramural fields because those areas are pretty much exclusively for student use," Gaines said. "This is primarily about student safety."

The process began when Mullins met with several resident assistants last summer, some of whom mentioned the possibility of having AEDs in the GCSU residence halls.

"(The meeting) sort of sparked my interest, and I started looking at what the situation was around campus, not just in the residence halls," Mullins said.

Gaines is excited about the initial move, but is not satisfied with just one step in the process.

"Our ultimate goal is to have defibrillators in every building on campus," Gaines said. "Now obviously with 87 buildings on campus, that's a lot of money. So we



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The new automated external defibrillators are set up in the Student Activity Center and the intramural fields.

have to start small and go from there."

Gaines added that the intramural field location makes sense because of the natural possibility of an athletic participant needing the aid of a defibrillator. Gaines hopes to create much shorter response times in any event where a defibrillator is needed with the installation of the AEDs.

The model of AEDs used by GCSU is the Reviver, manufactured by Defibtech. The two-button unit with a color screen is meant to increase ease of use and allow basically anyone to save a life by follow-

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## National publication features GCSU in article

BY COURTNEY KELLY  
STAFF REPORTER

GCSU was featured in the article "A State College Begins to Transform Its Curriculum" in the Feb. 28 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education, billed as the nation's leading news source for university faculty members and administrators.

The article focuses on the changes that the university has undergone since it became designated Georgia's public liberal arts university in 1994, and it also features students and faculty.

The Chronicle of Higher Education has a total readership of 350,000 and its Web site is visited by over one million people each month.

"I was kind of astonished to be in (the article) but I'm glad that Georgia College is getting the attention that it deserves," junior biology major Melanie Wooten said. "It's a great institution and more people need to hear about it."

The main audience for The Chronicle

of Higher Education is educational professionals. Getting GCSU's name out nationwide via the article could potentially help with finding prospective faculty members.

"It probably would have a huge impact in recruiting faculty because most of our faculty comes from out of state, and so many of them have no idea what Georgia College is. If they've seen the school in The Chronicle, that's going to make a big difference," said Julia Metzker, associate professor of chemistry who also appeared in the article.

Bruce Harshbarger, vice president for student affairs, welcomes the exposure the article can bring GCSU especially when it comes to hiring employees.

"When you go out and recruit faculty, you do searches for people in staff and administrative positions, it's great for people from across the country to have heard of us," Harshbarger said. "You may see a bump in the number and quality of people who are interested in working at opportunities in Milledgeville."

## 'I've had nightmares after it' GCSU student recalls assault, aftermath

BY LISSA SPEER  
STAFF WRITER

where she was sexually assaulted.

"I remember specifically him telling me that if we were to have sex it would be rape, but somehow that made doing other things OK," she said.

The mental anguish and confusion she felt after the situation left her physically ill and depressed. Guilt weighed her down and left her wanting to tell no one about what had happened as she believed it was her own fault for putting herself in that situation.

"I couldn't stomach talking about it. It wasn't until very recently that I could actually think about it. I've had nightmares after it, seeing his face makes me cringe," she said.

According to the National Center for Victims of Crime, every assault situation is different, and victims will, in turn, re-

spond differently to the situation. Physical symptoms that may be encountered include vomiting, and headaches as well as the risk of becoming pregnant or the possibility of contracting a sexually transmitted disease. There is also a possibility for broken bones, genital injuries and other physical injuries depending on the violence of the crime.

GCSU Student Health Services first response is to offer support and comfort to those who come to them, director Dr. Alice Loper said.

"We always try to get the victim to allow us to call Public Safety so they can get started on a report and investigation, however, some victims will not do this and we cannot force them to do so, but we strongly encourage it," Loper said.

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# Box City raises awareness about poverty

BY REBECCA BURNS  
STAFF WRITER

Cardboard boxes appeared taped, stacked, and squashed together this past Monday on Front Campus in a temporary structure built to educate the community. Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political honor society, organized the Box City event and an accompanying benefit concert the following night to raise awareness of poverty and funds to combat it throughout the GCSU community.

According to Jason Rich, assistant professor of political science and advisor to Pi Sigma Alpha, the group wanted to address global inequality by raising awareness on key issues that occur on both a local and global level.

"One of the things we want to make our students aware of at Georgia College is that there is not just the Georgia College bubble ... poverty is one of the

things that comes into real focus when you go to compare the students here at Georgia College to the greater community around us to the international community. There is a great disparity in the situations that each will come from," Rich said.

Box City gave students the opportunity to forego their usual bed and experience homelessness by sleeping out in cardboard boxes and to donate nonperishable goods, shoes and clothes, or monetary donations.

"Students can walk by and say you've got to be a little crazy for sleeping out here, but that's what brings awareness," Rich said. "It's the shock value of hey there are actually students sleeping in boxes when it is still chilly."

Most students and faculty stopped for a few hours to support the cause before heading in from the cool night air, but Brad Fleming, a senior political science major, spent all night outside with five others.

"The experience was both gratifying and difficult," Fleming said. "Being with friends was cool, but spending the night in a box was a challenge to say the least. The ground was hard, the boxes were cold and the quarters were cramped. I missed my apartments heating the most. I definitely would not want to stay in a box longer than one night."

While the Box City sleep-out drew a small gathering, the benefit concert at Amici on Tuesday night attracted a larger audience. Cody Hagler, a musician from Athens, performed and certainly did not disappoint with his soulful pop sound, good humor and popular covers including Jason Mraz's "I'm yours".

Hillary Bower, a senior political science major with a concentration in international affairs, initiated the idea of a concert and T-shirt to raise funds.

"The benefit concert raises more awareness with people that wouldn't have been involved



REBECCA BURNS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore Pierce Walker works on his computer during the Box City event. Students stayed in cardboard boxes on Front Campus to promote awareness about poverty.

to begin with because the benefit concert makes it more fun," Rich said. "I think that is what gets the fundraising up because

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## Students react to possible concealed guns on campus

BY RYAN DEL CAMPO  
STAFF REPORTER

Gun rights have historically been a contentious topic among those active in American politics. In the microcosm of a college campus, views on the issue are able to flourish. Since there are bills in the Georgia General Assembly this legislative session that propose to expand the areas that licensed gun owners are allowed to bring concealed weapons, GCSU has become a school divided on the interpretation of the Second Amendment.

The possibility of these expanded locations, including public areas like GCSU's campus or locations like the nearby bars and churches in Milledgeville has driven the issue close to home for students.

People on both sides of the issue of carrying guns on campus imagine a situation reminiscent of the disaster at Virginia Tech in April of 2007 that took the lives of 33 students, including the attacker.

Proponents of the proposed changes to the bill recreate the situation with an armed and law-abiding student could have saved some, if not all, of the victims. Critics blame the proliferation of weapons to people like the attacker on the relaxed gun laws propagated from a time when guns were more of a necessity to Americans.

In a response to "Packing heat in the classroom," published in The Colonnade on Feb. 19, online reader Chris

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## Pep band earns second place at competition

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU pep band was the first runner-up at last weekend's Peach Belt Conference Spirit Day Competition. The competition, held March 6, coincided with the conference basketball tournaments, with all events being held at USC Aiken in Aiken, S.C.

The competition, which features pep bands, dance teams and cheerleaders from the conference's member universities, has been held ever since the Peach Belt Conference

was chartered in 1990. The band usually coordinates with dance lines or cheerleaders in performances, which feature music typically associated with marching band.

"The conference wanted to do other activities besides sports, including an art exhibit from each of the school," said Todd Shiver, director of the GCSU pep band and interim chair of the music department. "It's pretty much unique to the Peach Belt, and it really aims to recognize these other groups for their excellence. It's not something you would typically see at

basketball tournaments."

The pep band took second place in the competition behind champion UNC Pembroke. Three other schools, Lander University, Augusta State and host USC Aiken, also competed.

"I think the overall scoring was pretty close," Shiver said. "I think (UNC Pembroke) had a little more coordination with their dance line."

Shiver, who has been the director of the pep band since its inception, said there has only been four

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## Investigation

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media) won't leave people alone about it," said senior Annie Jones.

In an e-mail sent out to campus, Vice President for Student Affairs Bruce Harshbarger, asked students and others to respect the privacy of the alleged victim and to refrain from spreading gossip.

"It is not in anyone's best interest to publicly pass along details that would best be addressed by the proper authorities," Harshbarger stated in the e-mail.

"I think all of this media being down here has been a big distraction and takes away from the school's credibility," SGA President Pro Tempore Marcus Green said. "I feel like it is intrusive to the learning environment because they are taking away from the reputation GCSU has built up as a fine, higher-education institution."

### Students react

Even before the allegations, students were a buzz about the star sighting in Milledgeville.

"I saw him at the Brick between 1 a.m. and 1:30 a.m., and there was a big body guard grabbing cameras and saying no pictures. The scene seemed pretty rowdy from what I saw across the bar," senior Keri Allgood said.

Corinne Burstein, a senior mass communication major, said she saw Roethlisberger leave the bar

around 1:30 a.m., and as he headed out the door the mob of adorers followed in suit.

Some time that night, Roethlisberger made his way to Capital City, where the incident allegedly occurred.

"I thought it was a big rumor at first. I really doubt he will be going back to Capital City anytime soon," sophomore Thomas Linthicum said. "I don't really go (to Capital City) because it's shady, and things like this incident can obviously occur, and it happened."

Some students have had their fill of talking about the alleged incident to media members and have made it known, stating they did not hear about it or that they were out of town. Yet, Roethlisberger has left his impression on the GCSU community and caused some students to question the entire situation.

Junior Haleigh Fine takes into account a broader spectrum of the circumstances.

"You can't place all the blame on him. There were several people that said he was at The Brick and sitting at the bar where big groups of people, especially girls, were surrounding him. I'm not saying he was innocent by any means but both could be in the wrong," Fine said. "He already has star power, and Milledgeville is small enough that when a famous person visits, everyone gets overly excited. So with girls throwing themselves at him, it

would have been easy to act on his star power and (the girls') over eagerness to be around him."

Others wondered why he would chose the small town filled with 20 something-year-old college students when he has a vacation home on Lake Oconee, 30 minutes away.

"I was in shock and didn't believe it at first and also wondered, why would he be in Milledgeville," Victoria Reese, a senior education major, said.

Daniel Post, a senior, reflected a few months back on Roethlisberger's previous history.

"I was surprised at first, initially because he was in town and second because he allegedly assaulted a college student. But this wouldn't be the first time, because I knew he assaulted a girl in Tahoe," senior Daniel Post said.

According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Roethlisberger "has the reputation of a single young man who enjoys a night on the town and the company of women."

"Honestly, the first thing I thought was OK, seriously man, you're a professional football player, and you have to force yourself on a 20-year-old girl? Grow up," Jones said.

### Effects of assault

Sexual assault, whether it is an allegation or confirmed fact, is a heavy topic. According to the Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network's Web site, one in six women and one in 33 men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime,



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Various news outlets set up to record press conferences at the Milledgeville Police Department. National media sources such as ESPN, where also in attendance.

and college age women are four times more likely to be sexually assaulted.

"Everyone has a different experience. I know a lot don't report because it is a trauma and they aren't sure what to do. Generally speaking, most people feel like they are going to die," said Mary Jane Phillips, director of Counseling Services. "I was talking with the chief of police a few years ago and he asked me what a victim may feel under a sexual assault/rape circumstance. I told him, I just put a gun to your head, what are you going to do to stay alive? Sexual assault/rape is a crime of power; it is not about the sex, just

the power, broadly speaking."

Stephanie McClure, a sociology professor emphasized how strong the victim's feelings about the incident could affect their behavior.

"Because it is, most of the time, someone you know, then you may never want to see them again, or try to erase every trace of them from your life," McClure said. "There may also be guilt on the victim for being in a situation like that because they know or think that they shouldn't be there and maybe that they almost deserved to have that happen to them because they were in that

specific situation, which isn't true."

### The next step

Both Roethlisberger and the alleged victim have hired lawyers. Roethlisberger hired Ed Garland, the attorney who has represented T.I. in his federal weapons charge, as well as NFL linebacker Ray Lewis, among others. The alleged victim has hired attorneys Lee Parks and David Walbert.

Blue also announced at a press conference Monday, that eight different interviews would be conducted with Roethlisberger and his friends about the night of the alleged incident.

## Ben Roethlisberger

The two time Superbowl winner, was identified by the alleged victim as the perpetrator of sexual assault.

Media pours into Milledgeville from Pittsburgh, ESPN and elsewhere.

## Milledgeville Police Press Conference

Milledgeville police announced they are requesting a DNA sample from Roethlisberger. Both Roethlisberger and the alleged victim have hired attorneys.

The alleged victim's attorneys, Parks and Walbert, issued a statement requesting her privacy.

Friday March 5

Saturday March 6

Monday March 8

Tuesday March 9

GRAPHIC BY REBECCA BURNS

## New campus bookstore naming contest ends

BY DANIELLE PALUGA  
STAFF WRITER

Students, faculty, staff and community members all sent in their best submissions to name the new bookstore that will open in March in the Campus Theatre, located at 135 Hancock St. The contest ran from Feb. 23 to March 8.

Individuals could either e-mail in or mail their suggestions. The three best suggestions will be given a \$100 gift card to the bookstore and the student with the winning suggestion will receive an additional \$250 gift card.

The best suggestions will be chosen by a committee called the President's Executive Council. This council includes Olivia Dowd, a representative from the Resident Student Association, and a representative of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

According to Henry Battison, director of University Communications, the judg-



COURTNEY KELLY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The new bookstore located in the Campus Theatre will open in March. GCSU community members could submit possible names for the new store.

ing committee for the contest will meet sometime this week to review entries.

"The contest entries have to go from the judging committee to (President Leland) and her committee so we

will announcing it before the April 20 grand opening," Battison said.

Zach Millins, president of SGA, will be one of the

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## Rape

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This student's attacker was never brought to justice, in fact, he still floats in and out of her life through mutual friends.

"When he looks at me, he can't really look at me. I think that he's nervous around me because he knows what he did and I don't think that he's necessarily a bad person but he definitely made a bad decision," she said.

Fear of judgment and falsely placed

guilt kept her from going to the police or seeking medical attention.

"Ideally, a victim should go to the ER immediately after the assault without showering, changing clothes or anything," Loper said. "The more evidence the better and the stronger the case, if the victim will press charges."

Now, nearly two years after the attack, the woman, a GCSU student, still struggles with the memories of her assault. She has spent the past two years blocking the incident out and dealing with the psychological repercussions of experiencing something so traumatic. The nightmares have lessened but are not gone.

"If it's bad or whatever, I don't know, I hope to repress it again and not really talk about it," she said.

Mullins has outlined his vision for the next few AEDs on campus.

## Poverty

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people want to buy T-shirts and go to concerts."

At least \$4 from each \$15 T-shirt and all the proceeds raised from the \$2 cover charge will go toward benefiting the Milledgeville community since Amici did not charge for the use of the establishment and Hagler played free of charge.

"With the funds (collected from the concert) we are going to buy shoes for kids in the community that can't afford to buy good shoes," Bower said.

Four boxes of clothes and non-perishable food were collected and \$236 was raised from the concert, but there is also an intangible increase of public awareness from the presence of Box City.

"Whether (students) go or not it still raises awareness," Rich said. "It's not just that they donate now, that they do something now but that (the issue of global inequality) gets into their psyche and they think about it because we do sort of live in the GCSU bubble. Maybe by just calling some attention to it the next time that they are outside that bubble they are going to recognize



REBECCA BURNS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cody Hagler, a musician from Athens, played at Amici's free of charge for the benefit concert held this past Tuesday.

it a little bit more, become a little more conscious of it, a little bit more aware of the world around them and eventually that will translate into a greater global society."

To tie in the international aspect of poverty, Pi Sigma Alpha is planning to bulk order TOMS shoes from orders they are collecting currently around GCSU. For every pair ordered TOMS shoes donates a pair to a children in need internationally.

"Once we get the ones in the patrol cars, I'd like to see Russell (Auditorium) taken care of. That's a large gathering spot for students, as well as some of our older alumni," Mullins said. "From there, I'd love to see one in (Maxwell Student Union). We're looking at key locations to distribute them geographically around campus. The residence halls should be taken care of in the long run, but it doesn't seem feasible right now with our budget."

According to Ross Sheppard, SGA treasurer, each AED costs approximately \$1,200, and the first two were funded with student fees.

"The idea is to use those (student) fees to give back to the students while they're still in school," Sheppard said.

Gaines understands that the money is tight, but is quick to defend the expenditures for any more AEDs needed on campus.

"It's all about funding, obviously," Gaines said, "but you can't put a price on someone's life. You never can."

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# Public Safety holds women's self-defense class

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Cheers and congratulations rang through the Centennial Center this past Wednesday as GCSU Public Safety taught a self-defense class for women sponsored by the Nu Tau chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Fourteen women and one man showed up for the class, sparring in bare feet as they learned various hitting, kicking and escape skills. Officer Gary Purvis led the group of participants in the hands-on class.

"You don't know if the guy living next door is safe or if he's someone that would attack you so being prepared and feeling more confident going out and doing the things around campus without feeling worried about someone attacking you" Purvis said.

Participants learned the proper stance, feet shoulder width apart, knees slightly bent, weight on one

leg, ready to fend off an attacker. If close enough to face, grabbing behind the ears and gouging the eyeballs it's quite effective.

If necessary, a knee to the crotch will disarm an attacker long enough to get away.

"If he doesn't let go, just keep on (kneeing)," Purvis said. "You want to drive the crotch to the head."

The self-defense program is offered on-demand whenever Public Safety is asked to do it.

"We've always had it, it's just underutilized," Sgt. Greg Williams said. "I wish people would take more advantage of it."

Nu Tau president Shondra Williams participated in the hour-long course. "I feel confident," Shondra Williams said. "I actually really learned a lot like a few techniques on how to use body parts to defend a person. We wanted to do this to encourage females to be more independent and be confident and not always have to depend on someone else

to come to your rescue in those situations."

Senior marketing major Brandon Kennon held his own in the self-defense course. Despite being surrounded by all the females in the class, Kennon was very supportive of the ladies.

"I think it's a safe thing to do because I've been here for three and a half years and I've heard of a couple of stories of girls that got taken advantage of whether it's downtown or just regular walking around," Kennon said. "It's good we have a self-defense class for them to learn how to defend themselves."

Nu Tau hopes to collaborate with Public Safety in the near future to offer the self-defense course again, hopefully attracting more of the student body. But for the night, changing the lives of 15 individuals is a success for Nu Tau. You just change one group of people at a time" participant senior Anastasia Brown said.



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GCSU students line up to practice their shin kicks with officer Purvis and Sgt. Williams in the Centennial Center on Wednesday.

## Athletes

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and maintains the appropriate balance between academics and intercollegiate athletics. As the university F.A.R., Farr has a list of responsibilities that include resolving any conflicts with student athletes and faculty as well as being an advisor on academics for coaches and recommending actions to strengthen the relations between the athletic department and faculty.

"I've learned a lot in the last couple years with this job, and I try to make sure the integrity of the institution and its relationship with athletics is ensured," Farr said.

According to Farr's reporter, GCSU has also seen an increase in both the freshman-cohort graduation rates and in the student-athlete academic success rate. The former measures students who enter college for the first time and graduate within six years while remaining full-time students. That rate has

increased from 48 percent for student-athletes, as opposed to 47 percent for the general student population, to 68 percent for student-athletes, as opposed to 42 percent for the general population in the last year.

"We're very proud of all of them," Farr said. "As the F.A.R., I want to raise the profile of these students around campus. They're good kids and don't get enough notoriety."

The student-athlete academic success rate, which adds transfer students, second-term enrollees and those freshmen who did not receive athletic aid, was 88 percent for student-athletes at GCSU, up from 84 percent in the last audit.

"(The student-athlete academic success rate) expands the definition on who is eligible for being included in the graduation rate," Farr said. "It includes students who may have left and then came back later for whatever reason."

All five men's and all five women's sports at GCSU earned some sort of academic recognition in addition to performing well in athletics. Several of the teams were also awarded and acknowl-

## Breaking down GCSU student-athletes grades

	3.077 is the average GPA of student-athletes
	92 made the Presidential Honor Roll
	68 percent graduated within six years

All numbers for 2008-09 academic year

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edged for their sportsmanship and community service.

"We want to make sure that being a part of athletics and is positive, and that these students' work is seen as a service," Farr added. "The athletes and coaches both are doing a very good job."

## Business

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need to start a business," Whelan said. "So if students go to a bank to get a loan after they graduate, they'll know everything they need."

The program will be run in a cohort style, each semester a class of 20 to 30 students will take every class together, without the possibility for variant schedules.

The program is an original, or at least the task force that implemented the program hasn't found any similar during their research.

"We haven't found (a program) like this," Whelan said.

New curriculum and syllabi will be made for the classes, but no new faculty will be hired. Classes will be various by professors from various departments within the business school.

Usually, graduate business programs require foundation classes, but this program doesn't, said Whelan. Everyone starts on the same level, with other people who did not major in business for their undergraduate degree.

**B**eginning with Fall 2010, Georgia College & State University will begin participation in the Federal Direct Loan Program. Direct Lending provides a streamlined, high-quality and dependable loan program for GCSU families. The Direct Loan program includes both student Stafford loans and parent PLUS loans. The main difference of the Direct Loan Program versus our current method of student lending is that the funding will be provided by the federal government instead of private banks or lenders. All borrowers will need to complete a new electronic Master Promissory Note (eMPN) in addition to completing the 2010-2011 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to secure these loans. Comprehensive information regarding the Direct Loan program is available at [www.direct.ed.gov](http://www.direct.ed.gov).

### Q: What do I need to do to receive my Stafford Loan?

**A:** Complete the FAFSA for 2010-2011 which is available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), submit any documents requested by the GCSU Financial Aid Office, and e-sign your electronic Master Promissory Note (eMPN) which is available at [www.dlenote.ed.gov](http://www.dlenote.ed.gov). If you have not borrowed a Stafford loan previously, you must also complete Loan Entrance Counseling electronically at [www.dl.ed.gov](http://www.dl.ed.gov).

### Q: I am a parent of an undergraduate, dependent student. What do I need to do to receive a PLUS loan?

**A:** Complete the FAFSA for 2010-2011, submit any documents requested by the GCSU Financial Aid Office, and submit the GCSU PLUS Loan Request form. Then, you must e-sign your electronic Master Promissory Note (eMPN) at [www.dlenote.ed.gov](http://www.dlenote.ed.gov).

### Q: Will I need to choose a lender for my federal Stafford or PLUS loan?

**A:** No, all GCSU students and parents will have the Federal Direct Loan program as their lender.

### Q: If I have prior student Stafford loans, will I need to do Loan Entrance Counseling again?

**A:** No, since the terms and conditions are the same with the Direct Loan program and private banks it will not be necessary to complete this counseling session again.

### Q: If I have prior Stafford or PLUS loans, will I need to sign a new Master Promissory Note (MPN)?

**A:** Yes, all borrowers will need to sign a new MPN to receive loans through the Direct Loan Program at GCSU. Once the new MPN is signed with the Direct Loan program for 2010-2011, it will be valid for a period of up to 10 years and will not have to be re-signed year to year for future Stafford or PLUS loans. Parents borrowing under the PLUS loan program will be subject to yearly credit checks in order to continue receiving PLUS loan funds under the signed MPN on file with the Direct Loan Program.

### Q: If I have prior loans, will my Direct Lending Stafford and PLUS loans have different interest rates from my existing loans?

**A:** The interest rates for Stafford loans are the same. The PLUS loan interest rate for the Direct Loan program is 7.9% which is lower than the other program's 8.5%.

### Q: What are the loan fees in the Direct Loan program?

**A:** Stafford Loan up-front fees are .5%. If a student fails to make 12 consecutive on-time payments upon entering repayment, they will be billed an additional 1.5% fee.

PLUS Loan up-front fees are 2.5%. If the parent fails to make 12 consecutive on-time payments, they will be billed an additional 1.5% fee.

### Q: What will happen during repayment if I have student loans with private banks and lenders and student loans with the federal government?

**A:** Students and parents may consolidate all Stafford or PLUS loans under the Direct Loan Consolidation program offered by the federal government. This program allows borrowers to combine all federal loans received from private banks and lenders, as well as loans received from the federal government into one loan which will make repayment easier for the borrower. Over the past two years many private banks and lenders have sold their loans to the federal government once they were disbursed which affected many GCSU borrowers. More detailed information regarding this program can be obtained at [www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov](http://www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov).

### Q: I have other questions about the Direct Loan program. Who should I contact?

**A:** The staff in the GCSU Financial Aid Office is your best source for information. If they do not have the answer to your questions readily available, they will secure the answer and explain to you to insure that you completely understand. They can be reached Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in Parks Hall, Room 103. Or you may give them a call at (800) 342-0471 or (478) 445-5149. Their email address is [financialaid@gcsu.edu](mailto:financialaid@gcsu.edu).

## Direct Lending FAQ

### Q: Why is GCSU making this change to the Direct Loan Program?

**A:** Direct Lending provides a streamlined, high-quality and dependable loan program for GCSU families. The Program also offers rebate incentives of upfront loan fees on Stafford and PLUS loans and lower interest rates on PLUS loans which provide cost savings for borrowers. GCSU decided to make this change to offer the most cost effective means of offering loans to students and families, as well as potential pending legislation that would require all schools to transition to the Direct Loan Program as early as July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

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wrote, "What if one student was legal carrying a firearm and was able to counter the attack (at Virginia Tech). Would it not be worth it to save even one life? Do you not think that the family members would have wished that perhaps their child's life could have been spared?"

Some students feel that Milledgeville has enough agencies to protect it from any problems.

"With four local law enforcement agencies represented in Milledgeville," David Morrical said, "I don't think that we need anyone else carrying weapons on campus. Adding more guns to the mix in a complicated and dangerous situation will only make it worse."

Georgia legislators have been listening to the voices of their student constituents Rep., E. Culver "Rusty" Kidd, I-Milledgeville, is in favor of amending the proposed changes to the bill to exclude schools.

"I am a believer in individual rights to be able to carry firearms," Kidd said. "But I think that there are

some places that aren't conducive to carrying a firearm, like a school."

Kidd imagined the outcome of the mix of social and academic pressures with the possibility of weapons between students and teachers. His projected situations did not have any positive outcomes.

One revision to Senate Bill 308, which is expected to increase its support among politicians, is that of adding a stipulation that the final decision on whether or not to allow weapons on campus will be left up to the University System of Georgia.

Many University System officials oppose allowing guns on or near campuses, according to an article in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, which may sway the outcome of the issue. However, leaving the decision to the University System may allow more direct input from the students.

"I can definitely understand both sides of the issue," sophomore business major Eric Neas said. "However, allowing guns on a campus would only cause more issues and debates. In the long run, we would all probably be better off with the current laws pertaining to college campuses."

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a wonderful change," Newell said. "I liked what I saw and the more I looked, the more I liked it. So, I decided if I was going to do something for myself that was what I was going to do."

GCSU President Dorothy Leland said she is very thankful for the gift that Newell has donated to GCSU.

"She's clearly a very philanthropic person, and she was sort of following the Georgia College story and decided that she might want to do something for us," Leland said. "We talked about it and she was very interested in this visiting scholars endowment. Over the years it will bring distinguished faculty from across the United States to this campus to work with our students and we will build connections throughout the United States to this school, which is wonderful."

Newell believes that the endowment that her donation is funding will greatly benefit GCSU.

"Oh, I think it's wonderful, as Elizabeth Hines (GCSU's director of Annual and Planned Giving) was saying today, it will put the college on the map," Newell said. "They haven't chosen a scholar yet, but whoever it is will be somebody of some

**"When I took a look a (GCSU) a few years ago I saw a lot of things happening that I really liked."**

**—Martha Newell  
Alumna/donor**

note, and so that will really enhance Georgia College's reputation among other schools I think."

According to Amy Amason, the vice president for External Relations and University Advancement, GCSU raises money through donations all year long, every year.

"Fundraising includes different kinds of fundraising, annual gifts that you ask people for each year, like you see requests from other nonprofits, so we do it through mail and by a phone-a-thon," Amason said. "We have a phone-a-thon that has students that call our alumni and ask for donations and then we ask people in person as well."

Not all donations given to the university are the same. GCSU is the recipient of restricted gifts and unrestricted gifts.

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"We get gifts that are unrestricted which means that can be used for various things on the campus; that's a small percentage of what we raise," Amason said. "The majority of what we raise is designated to a certain area like music or theater or athletics, an academic unit, a student organization, a certain program."

All donations made to GCSU are allocated to be used timely and efficiently according to needs.

"If they're a gift that is intended to be used immediately and for some purpose then it is," Amason said. "Mrs. Newell's gift is an endowment gift and it's being paid overtime which most people do that because they're larger amounts. So they pay it over a certain number of years and then we have to wait a year after the last payments in for it to generate interest and then it's used."

GCSU has received donations from both individuals and foundations. According to Amason, Newell's gift was unprecedented for an individual.

"Mrs. Newell's was the largest gift from an individual," Amason said. "The largest gift to Georgia College was \$2.5 million for a library endowment gift from the Watson Brown Foundation."

test is bookstore manager Lynda Grable who did not want to look at the entries before the deadline to be fair to all the contestants, but said there were a lot of entries when she looked last.

Kyle Cullars, a member of the judging committee and executive director of Auxiliary Services, confirmed that there were a lot of entries.

"What I am looking for in a winning entry is a name that capitalizes on the history of the school and the building, but also keeps in mind that it is a bookstore," Cullars said.

Another judge for the con-

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times that GCSU did not win the competition.

"We've won it either 14 out of 18 or 15 out of 19 times. We were one of the first ones once things got started up, and as the conference has gotten bigger more schools have gotten pep bands," Shiver said. "We're generally the ones to beat and we like it that way."

"Our kids did great. We've had such a good pep band all these years and I feel like out of all the years we've been doing it, this year had the best competition," Shiver added. "All the schools did a really good job."

This year's pep band for GCSU consists of 25 players, including five trumpets, four baritones, three horns, two tenor and alto saxophones each, four piccolos, three clarinets, a drum

set player and a bass guitar.

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Freshman Georgia McCook was very excited to be a part of GCSU and Milledgeville history via the contest, he said.

"I love creative stuff, so of course I will participate," McCook said.

Another judge for the con-

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## Milledgeville more than media's portrayed hicktown

Recent scandal has thrown Milledgeville and GCSU into the national spotlight, but as the media continues to flood the city, the town struggles to keep up the positive image its citizens and government officials have worked so hard to achieve.

Despite the fact that GCSU is ranked 31st best in masters universities in the south by U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton Review selected the college as a "Best in the Southeast" for the third year in a row, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, portrayed the university and the town as a drunken, backwoods 'ville that among its most distinguishable features are a Piggly Wiggly, an advertisement for cheap kegs and students riding around in the back of pick-up trucks vomiting over the side. In the fantasy Milledgeville the AJC created, the college women were scantily clad despite the cold weather, and our "night clubs" had to throw together makeshift VIP areas for a visiting celebrity.

Though the AJC has gone back and removed parts of various articles portraying Milledgeville as a backwoods college party town, the damage has already been done. Not until days later did the newspaper report anything about GCSU's high test scores or how the school is an establishment the city can count on. Nor has it mentioned the dedication our police forces and employees at Oconee Regional Medical Center have performed to bring justice to Milledgeville.

Our city is more than Central State Hospital and Flannery O'Connor. Though the literary icon and the hospital are two things that Milledgeville is known for nationally, and are nothing to be ashamed of, we believe out-of-city media outlets need to focus less on Milledgeville's negative qualities, and more on how to prevent sexual assault and rape — something that could have a positive impact on typical bar protocol.

Our students work hard to make GCSU the best it can be, and our police officers work hard to make it a safe place to live.

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## Legislative process wins, unfortunately

While watching Sunday talk shows last weekend I noticed something very similar with most of their discussions involving politics and public policy. What seemed to be the premise of the entire debate was not exactly the substance of the policies, but the procedures and politics used to get it done. Sure, it's better entertainment to see how these politicians try to work their way to get something passed, but what needs to be brought to the forefront is the content that Congress is attempting to pass. No matter what methods it uses to get it done, it's the substance that will ultimately have an effect on me.

One obvious example right now is health care reform.

Washington is so fixated on the process, making everything dramatic as if everything they do is some type of game changer for the political landscape. The Republicans love to use the health care talking point that using reconciliation is "jamming this bill down the throat of America." Well, to be fair, I think it needs to be pointed out that the Bush tax cuts in 2003 were jammed down the throat of America, too. But besides that, in the 2008 presidential campaigns, when the Bush tax cuts came up as an issue, the debate was not about the process but the product that was voted on.

The substance of the health care legislation is a legitimate argument because there are some flaws inside and it could be bet-



**IAN  
BRIDGEFORTH**

ter, but to make this an argument of the reconciliation process is irrelevant to most Americans outside of Washington.

In a piece from POLITICO.com, White House Senior Advisor David Axelrod was quoted as saying: "There aren't 10 people outside of Washington who give a rat's ass about any of this. They've got bigger stuff to worry about." And he's right. People are worried about how they'll pay their car payment, tuition and mortgage next month, not about who's pointing fingers at each other in White House inner circles. Much of the debate about the process is nothing more than talking points for each party to try to use to get the political win for the time being. Instead of actually legislating, they know it's easier to keep up perpetual campaigns pointing fingers at the other party for anything and everything. It's the tired, old "you lose, I win" strategy.

But, when Americans go to the polls this fall, they are going to vote on who got things done to make their lives better. None of them want excuses saying that this Republican or this Democrat was the reason we couldn't get it done. They'll just know it wasn't done and vote appropriately.

## Why 'negro' and 'colored' still linger on even today

As a continuation from last week's column "Black table" article controversy answered," the 2007 writer of the article "Why is there always a 'black table' at Sodexo?" mentioned traditional black educational programs and asked why they have the words "negro" and "colored" in their titles and how that contradicts the steps taken to eliminate all derogatory words related to blacks.

America has become more diverse in that we have a lot of people representing countries from around the world, and we all live with equal rights and opportunities given to us by the government. The rights granted to us by the U.S. Constitution ensure equality between every man and women in this country. Not more than 50 years ago, this country was beginning the process to abide by the laws we live by today. Not more than 50 years ago blacks were referred to as coloreds and negroes, and discriminated against.

America has removed a lot of the derogatory words that



**ALEXANDRIA  
BELL**

blacks were once referred to. More than 50 years ago, when The United Negro College Fund and The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People were created, negro and colored were words that blacks were called. Now that blacks do not have to be called negro or colored, and have the choice to be called black or African-American, the UNCF and the NAACP can change negro and colored but chose not to, to remind us of where we have come from and to keep credibility.

I ask that people not see this as ignorance. Minorities have come a long way but that does not mean we will forget the past and change the names of historic and accomplished organizations because the nation has changed and accepted political correct ideals.

## CORRECTIONS

• In the March 5 edition of The Colonnade, the article titled "African internship adventures" in correctly stated that Britton Tuck-Boutwell was the first and last intern at Kakamega. She was actually the first and last intern at the Kakamega Forest Dispensary/Clinic.

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## Satire column: My anti-drug, 'The Secret'



**STEVE  
HOLBERT**

The Secret is God. I didn't believe it at first, but it's true. The Father, the Son and the Holy Secret. Amen. I know there are a few people reading this who think "The Secret" is full of witchcraft and alchemy, but once they read the vague book, view the vague videos, and listen to the vague tapes the answers is crystalline clear. What exactly is the Secret? I'm not sure, but I know it works.

Last week while hanging posters downtown and contemplating the miserable existence that is my life, I stumbled upon what appeared to be a typical gypsy antique store. I entered, and the owner, sensing my dismay, beckoned me with her hook hand into the back room. Once I sat at her séance table, she pulled out a copy of "The Secret," and promised, for the mere price of \$23.95, my life could go from negativity to denial. I didn't have the money, so she gladly took my Bible and a small vial of goat blood as payment.

"The Secret" revolves around positive energy and the mantra "Ask. Believe. Receive." As long as an individual sends positive energy out into the universe, then the universe will return that positive energy tenfold. This positive outlook, which can be achieved by means of blind optimism or prescription painkillers, guides the followers to achieve their larger goals by subdividing these larger goals. In simpler terms: If you ask for money and believe you'll receive money, a wealthy relative will instantaneously die and leave you money.

I jumped on this philosophy and before I knew it, the universe was sending me everything I wanted without any hard work or effort. I've always wanted a child, and I found one sitting in a Wal-Mart buggy full of groceries. His mother left him for a full 15 seconds and I just took him as a gift from the universe. The police didn't understand, but then I showed them "The Secret." Sadly, they didn't care, but I didn't let them hinder my positivity.

If that doesn't make you a believer, "The Secret" helps me succeed every day in ordinary situations. I was in traffic behind an old, snail-paced man, who was making me late for an appointment. I believed I would make it on time, and a transfer truck side-swiped him instantly, pushing him out of my way. Thanks universe. While sitting in class, I positively thought an overly odorous classmate would smell better, and the police came to escort him out on drug charges. While in jail he got a new shower buddy and I breathe easier. Thanks universe.

Finally, I really wanted some of my unbelieve friends to quit mocking me, but they kept on nagging. I mysteriously found a positive looking match and some optimistic kerosene the universe conveniently placed on my debit card bill, and now their negativity has gone up in smoke while my success burns bright. Thanks universe.

May "The Secret" bless you and keep you.

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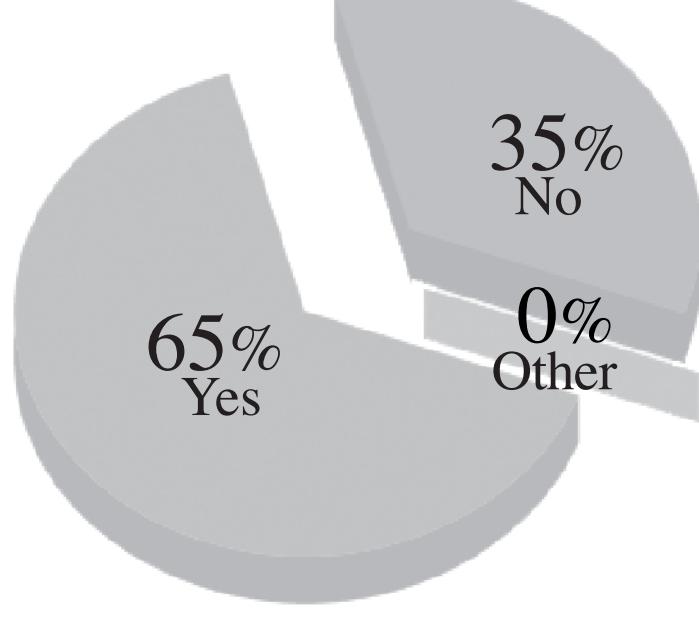
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GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE DYKES

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# Bobcat Beat

*"How do you feel about the Bobcat statues that are going to be on campus?"*



**"I don't think it should be a priority for where money is going. I don't see a major benefit to campus from the statues."**

*Alicia Knebel, sophomore, biology major*



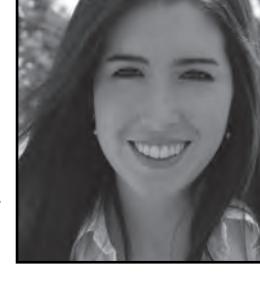
**"I think it would be a good idea except for the fact that it's unoriginal."**

*Haley Jandrich, sophomore, biology major*



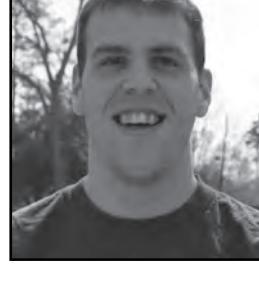
**"I think we are becoming a mini UGA, but it's a lot better than the stand-up cardboard Bobcats we have now."**

*James Joslin, junior, math major*



**"I think it's awesome. I feel like we don't have much school spirit around town, and I feel like this town runs off of us. It's nice to see that the local businesses are showing they actually care with their donations."**

*Lauren Vason, sophomore, business major*

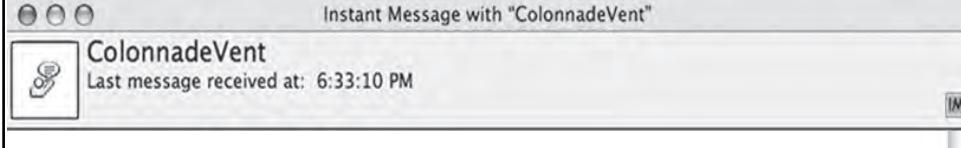


**"I'm excited about these statues. It will be fun to see some school spirit around campus."**

*Brian Lee, senior, management major*

*Reported by Mandy Ellis*

# The Litter Box



Springfest goodies weren't as good this year. Candy rots your teeth. Pens were so much better.

If the Early College students are going to be mentioned in the Public Safety report twice in the last month, then maybe the ones that are causing the trouble shouldn't be given the privilege to go to college early. They're clearly not ready for the responsibility.

Sometimes when I get e-mails from Dr. Bruce Harshbarger I wonder how he even got his job. I feel like he is the least connected faculty member at GCSU to student affairs.

I don't understand why the school is trying to hide the fact that something bad happened. Most everyone knows by now, and rather than being sneaky, I feel the school should use this as a message. It isn't a good thing that happened, but she had the courage to come out and tell someone this happened? A ton of victims don't have that strength. Where are all the people who actually tried to put together talks like this?

Oh, hello reality. I don't think we've met. I'm Terrified. I've been living in this dreamworld called "college."

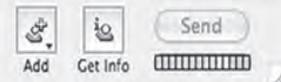
You know what, ladies and gents? When life gives you lemons, you make lemonade. For some variety, maybe put a little "extra flavor" in it once in a while. Either way, stop complaining and enjoy what little time you have been given on this beautiful planet.

Save the manatees! I wonder how many people will recognize me because of this vent.

If you need to tell someone something that is very important, the bar is probably not the best place to do so. It doesn't count.

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# Focus On: Employment

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Editor Katelyn Hebert

## Students benefit from campus jobs

BY SOPHIE SINGER  
STAFF WRITER

While keeping good grades in college is a must, getting a job and pursuing an internship are among the many goals of students on campus. Finding a job anywhere is a very competitive process and requires commitment, time and skill.

To fulfill these needs, GCSU offers a variety of on-campus jobs. Students can apply for student assistant positions or Federal Work Study positions. Graduate assistant positions are also available for those eligible.

Currently, there are 299 students serving in student assistant positions and 79 students holding work study positions according to Human Resources. There are also 138 students holding graduate assistant jobs.

Alissa Northrup, a senior psychology major, is a student worker at the Registrar's Office.

"It's convenient working on-campus because studies do show that students having an on-campus job have higher GPA's than those who have off-campus jobs," Northrup said.

Students can apply for on-campus jobs at [www.gcsu-jobs.com](http://www.gcsu-jobs.com). Both student assistant and work study positions are located on the Web site.

Student assistant jobs are typically applied for through the specific department or office of the university and hiring is left up to the discretion of the office. Federal Work Study is a program whereby the United States government allocates funds to a university to award qualifying students according to federal regulations and the GCSU Financial Aid Office policy.

To qualify for work study, students must be enrolled at least half time (six hours for undergraduate and five hours for graduate) and must apply through the financial aid application process. Once the Financial Aid Office has determined the need of the student, students are awarded a specific amount for the year, which is divided evenly between fall and spring semesters.

According to Beth Gamble, student employment coordinator, "The Financial Aid Office administers only the Federal Work Study program."

Once a student has applied for the work study program, the employment coordinator for the department reviews the online applications and contacts the applicants to arrange an appointment for an interview. Once the interview process is complete and the selection has been made, the employment coordinator notifies the student employment coordinator in the Financial Aid Office to verify eligibility.

Another one of the perks of having an on-campus job is the ability to work around students' class schedules.



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Lauren Hyman, a senior special education major, works on campus at Books & Brew. Almost 300 student workers are employed on campus at GCSU.

Jordan Bullinger, who has worked three years at the Registrar's Office, said, "The people I work with are really laid back and are really understanding about academics coming first."

There are many opportunities outside of GCSU to find jobs but the flexibility of a student assistant or work study job can sometimes make the latter two options more appealing to students.

"Off campus jobs are way harder to keep while being in school because of scheduling conflicts and pressure to do well," Lauryn Foster, sophomore psychology major, said.

While having a job in college gives experience and opportunities to finding jobs out of college, it is also important to start putting together a resume.

Jennifer Cash, assistant director of the Career Center, gives advice to students on a daily basis.

"Students should develop their resumes in their freshman year," Cash said. "When creating your freshman resume, you can include your education, leadership, community service, work experience, computer skills, honors and awards received while in high school."

Creating a resume comes with finding an internship, which is required for a lot of majors.

"The internship process search is not really that different than job searching," Cash said. "Therefore, you probably want to start your internship search 6-9 months prior to your hired desire date."

When beginning the internship process, it is also useful to contact Michelle Berg who is the internship coordinator. She assists students when beginning the search of an internship, staying on track and answering questions regarding the internship process.

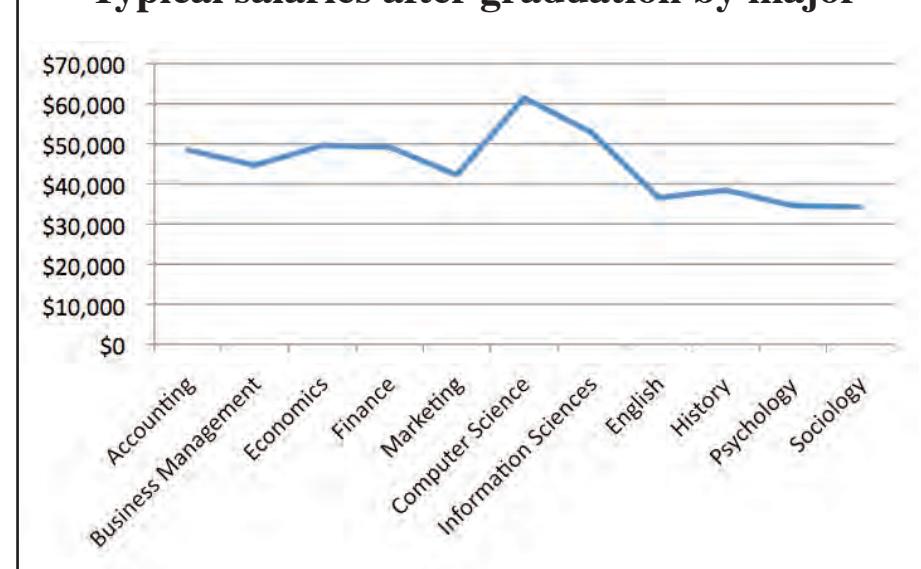
## Nationwide job trends may affect student major choices

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON  
SENIOR REPORTER

When the GCSU class of 2010 graduates, many in it will be making the decision between entering the work force or going to graduate school. The National Association of Colleges and Employers conducted its 2009 student survey regarding job search last year and found that there are some trends away from finding employment in the for-profit, private sector marketplace.

A weakening job market hasn't deterred students from seeking a full-time job after graduation. According to the NACE survey of more than 35,000 students across 840 four-year and two-year universities and colleges, 69 percent of students said they wanted a full-time job after graduation. The biggest difference in the class of 2009 from previous classes was the shift away from those looking for the private sector jobs. Only 39 percent of students named that their primary goal, down from 45 percent in 2007 and 2008. On the other hand, students' intentions to work for the public sector and for non-profit organizations increased some.

The percentage of seniors who applied for a job and got it or received an offer was down to 40 percent in 2009 from 50 percent in 2008 and 66 percent in 2007. Also, slightly less than half of students who received an offer for a job accepted. The report said that this could be due to compensation issues,



job location, employer recognition or even confidence issues. Furthermore, the survey found that most students that apply for and get jobs after graduation were regularly familiar with their university's career service center.

Olivia Dowd, a senior English major, said she is planning on attending graduate school at GCSU to get a master's degree. "I'm looking for a job as a professor, so I'm going to need the higher degree to help out," Dowd said.

Daniel Yarborough, a senior computer science major, is planning to get a job before

eventually returning to graduate school.

"I figured it would be best for me to go ahead and get some experience, and then after a year or two, I'll go back to school," Yarborough said.

According to Mary Roberts, director of the Career Center at GCSU, the center will be conducting a survey of GCSU students after spring break.

"It's the NAPSA Student Voice Survey that will ask students questions about their career services experience at GCSU and what they plan to do in terms of internships, jobs and graduate school," Roberts

said. According to NACE's job outlook report, out of the top five majors for students in the southeast, GCSU offers only one of them. Roberts said that ultimately, she still sees students choosing majors that interest them and not so much on job availability.

"They still pick what they enjoy for the most part," Roberts said. "Even if they initially go into the major because they think it will ensure them a job or higher salary, at some point they realize their

decision was not made for the right reasons."

"I think it's good that students are generally sticking with their interests because it's what our university is about," Roberts added. "It's all about the experience, and a job is never a guarantee, especially in these real competitive majors like nursing and education."

Roberts added that other factors besides job availability may come into play. "Sometimes popular culture like popular television shows could increase students' interests in a particular major," she said.

### Tips for choosing a major

Don't rule anything out at first; courses in college are different than high school ones.

Make the most of core classes; they could give you an idea about what you should choose as a major.

Talk to your advisors about your strengths and weaknesses, he or she should know what is needed for certain majors.

Talk to upperclassmen because they have been through it all before.

Talk to professionals in your field of interest. They are great for advice about the future.

Remember your major doesn't determine your life. You can always change jobs and go back to school.

Source: Princeton Review

GRAPHICS BY DANIELLE PALUGA

### Top 10 majors nationwide

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| 1. Business Administration | 4. Biology   |
| 2. Psychology              | 5. Education |
| 3. Nursing                 | 6. English   |



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| 7. Economics         | 8. Communications    |
| 9. Political Science | 10. Computer Science |



Source: Princeton Review

# STEPS to job success

Finding a job can be tough. Jennifer Cash, assistant director of the Career Center, shows students some important tips to finding a job

## Network yourself

"I always tell students that networking isn't this big monster of a concept; it's really simple. It's just getting to know people who might know people that can help you find a job. Attend events and career fairs even if they aren't totally related to your field because you never know someone there might know someone in your field of interest. Also faculty know people in the business world so use them as a resource," Cash said.

### Résumé requirements

- Stress experiences that are most relevant to the position you aspire to hold
- Every previous job does not have to be on a resume
- If you have a lack of recent work history, stress community service or volunteer work during that time
- Make sure your résumé is easy to read on screen and on paper
- Be accurate and honest throughout
- Make it tight, concise and clean

Source: nytimes.com

## Build a résumé

"Most students aren't aware of the experiences that they have that can be used in a résumé. You don't have to be paid for the experiences you put on your résumé. The only thing businesses care about is if you did it. Any leadership experiences you have had, study abroad, and any academic projects. Really what your goals are determine what you are going to put on your résumé," Cash said.

GRAPHICS BY KATELYN HEBERT

## Interview preparation checklist

1. Have you researched the company and the interviewers prior to the interview date?
2. Have you practiced common and unusual questions you might be asked?
3. Have you practiced and are aware of your voice and body language while you interview?
4. Do you only have the necessary things to bring with you and have your cell phone turned off?
5. Are you prepared to display only good manners throughout toward your interviewer?
6. Did you send a thank you note following the interview via e-mail or regular mail?

YES  NO

## Ace the interview

"I always encourage students to sign up for mock interviews through the career center. Real business employers come in to do fake interviews with students. This helps in two ways; it helps students network with businesses and also gives students the prospective of people who think like the people that will employ them in the future. Also research the industry you want to work for and your future employers so you don't go into the interview blindly," Cash said.

## Networking necessities

1. Networking can be through anyone you know, job fairs or the internet
2. Follow up after first meetings
3. Stay organized. Keep track of important contact information
4. Use Web sites like Monster.com or linkedin.com
5. Make it easy for potential employers to contact you—check and reply to e-mail promptly

## Dress for success

"The main rule is dress above what is expected. That goes for both men and women. If it's a company that wears blue jeans then wear khaki pants. Always make sure you are well groomed and keep your papers in a brief case or portfolio. Make sure your clothes are sensible and comfortable. Neutrals are good for pants and jackets and if you are a girl you can wear a nice sensible colored blouse," Cash said.

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**New York Times** Last August a study by Harris Interactive found that 45 percent of employers are using social networks like Facebook to screen potential employers. And 35 percent decided to not offer candidates a job based off their findings.

Source: nytimes.com

**Common Sense** Use your good judgement when adding friends, joining groups, and posting on others walls. Taken out of context will it be found offensive?

**Professional Social Networking** Branch out from popular sites such as Facebook and MySpace. Invest in professional sites such as LinkedIn to develop business contacts.

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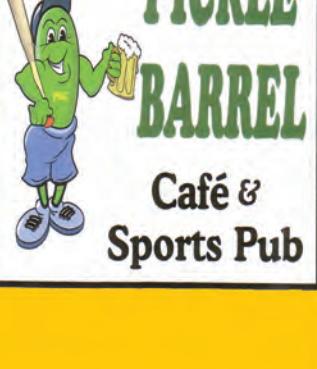
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## Boys will be boys?

## Fourth annual drag show switches the sexes

BY CLAIRE KERSEY  
SENIOR REPORTER

It was a night of fist pumping, gender bending and lip-syncing at the fourth annual Pride Alliance drag show March 11. Nine performers, seven drag kings and two drag queens showcased their talents at gender transformation.

"I always wanted to do drag. It looked really fun," said junior theatre major Emily Holloway, who performed under the stage name "Conrad Taylor."

Members of the audience showed how much fun they were having by "tipping" their favorite performers. A tip jar sat in front of the stage to collect the money, which was donated along with the admission price to A.N.G.E.L.S. (AIDS Now Grasps Every Living Soul.)

"B----- don't work for free," said master of ceremonies Steve Holbert, also known as "Luscious Wit," when encouraging the audience to support their favorites.

A highlight of the night was a blast from the past, the Backseat Boys.

Five drag kings covered the Backstreet Boys song "Everybody." The dance was choreographed by freshman pre-psychology major Brittany Snyder, who took on the alter ego "Peter Weiland." She also showed off her dance abilities in a routine to Alien Ant Farm's cover of "Smooth Criminal."

"I've performed all my life, I don't find it difficult," Snyder said. "I looked for a singer whose voice fit my body type and whose style fit my style."

Others found adapting to performing in drag more challenging. In the weeks before the show, the performers had to practice to become convincing.

"It's really awkward adjusting to the sock in your pants," sophomore art major Mara DiGiovanni said.

Sophomore theatre major Caila Blanton took on the challenge of channeling rock star motions in her routines as "Chris Starr."

"I'm a girly girl and I have to change all my motions to look like a guy," Blanton said.

A sock was not the only part of the costume for drag kings. Some performers chose to draw on facial hair. Drag queens sported wigs and fake breasts, in addition to the requisite high heels and makeup.

"There is a lot of work into a guy becoming a

girl. I'm a makeup artist, and it takes about an hour to do my face," said Milledgeville resident Bryan Collins, who made his drag queen debut as "The Diva B," performing to a song from "Chicago" and a song by Barbra Streisand.

Applause from the audience determined a winner, but the performers were mostly motivated to entertain.

"We're going out there to have a good time and to help the audience have a good time," DiGiovanni said.

Collins enjoyed performing at the show and hopes to keep doing drag.

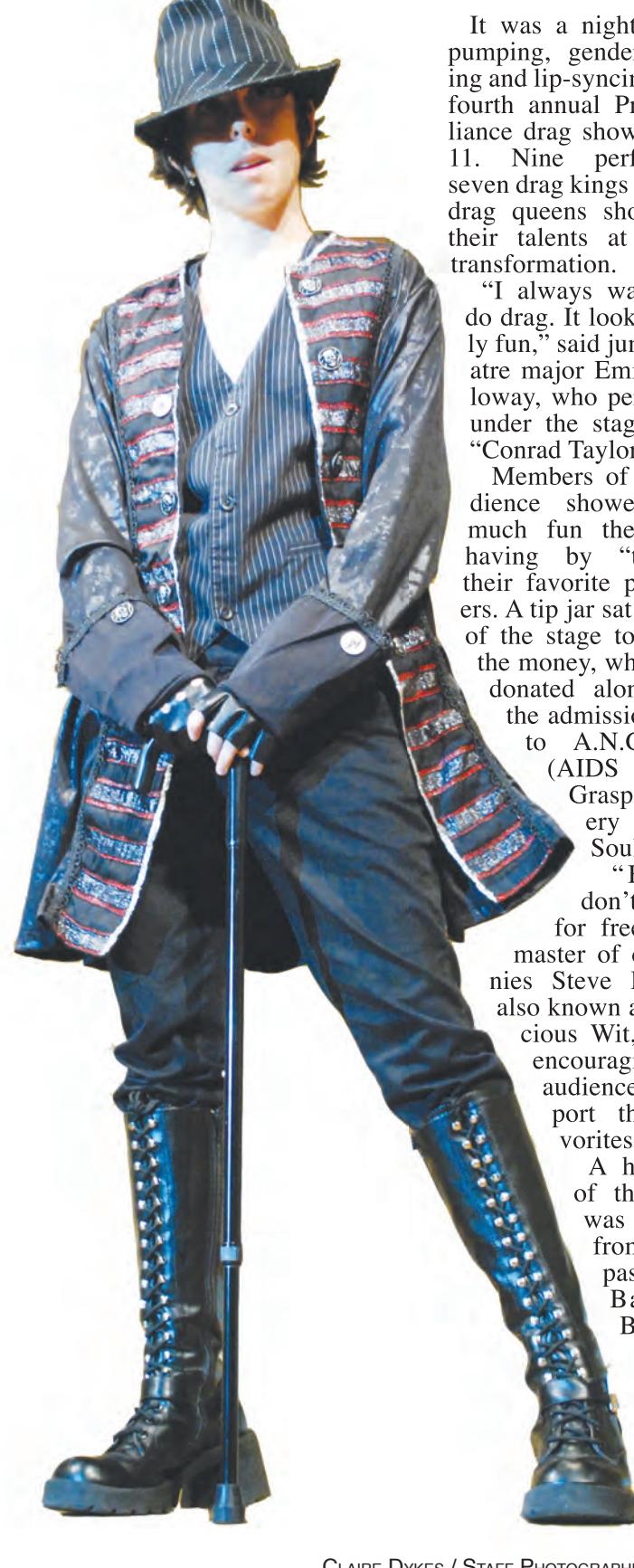
"I am not every queen. This will be my first performance of many," Collins said.

Pride Alliance president Jonathan Vernon was pleased with the show and the turnout.

"Everyone I've worked with has been incredibly awesome," Vernon said. "It's been really great to see all that creativity come through."

Steve Holbert is a contributing columnist for The Colonnade.

Check out GCSUnade.com to see who won at this year's drag show.



CLAIRE DYKES / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
A.J. Joiner adopts her drag identity, "Sebastian Wood," by performing to an Adam Lambert song.



CLAIRE DYKES / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Bryan Collins performs as "The Diva B" at the Pride Alliance drag show held March 11.

## International Dinner to tantalize the taste buds

BY DANIELLE PALUGA  
STAFF WRITER

Foods from over 30 countries and cultural dances are some of the things that are in store for those that attend the International Dinner on Saturday, which will be held in Magnolia Ballroom.

President of the International Club at GCSU, Scott Zhang, a sophomore computer science major, is excited about the event because it is the 25th anniversary of the very first International Dinner.

"We want to make the dinner even bigger this year than last year. We hope to have more performances," Zhang said.

For entertainment, salsa and other Latin dances are expected as well as many traditional African dances.

A fashion show is also on the list of events. International students will be wearing traditional clothes from their own countries. The emcee will tell about the reasons that people wear the clothes that the models are showcasing. Decorations of flags from the home countries of the members are also expected.

Sophomore Willibroad Lofon Maimo, a chemistry major, will be participating in the fashion show and cooking a dish. He will wear a tradi-

tional outfit from Cameroon called an "aguada," which is a three-piece outfit that is embroidered decoratively.

Dishes from almost every continent are expected, including Europe and South America. Sophomore computer science major Helni Roblero is making tamales. Zhang will also be cooking a dish from his home country of China.

Such a big event requires a lot of time and commitment from those involved. This is made easier by the sponsorship the event has gotten.

"Members of the club have submitted their recipes to the food committee and it will decide what ingredients we need to go to Atlanta to buy," Zhang said.

There are some ingredients for the dishes that just aren't available in local supermarkets. The day before the dinner the people preparing the food will cook in the Sodexo kitchen and the kitchen at the First Baptist Church.

The members of the club went around to the local restaurants and banks to ask for funding because the event is expected to be much bigger than last year's dinner and ticket costs may not be enough to cover the costs.

"I hope that the International Dinner will help promote international understanding in Milledgeville because it attracts so many people not only from the college, but from the surrounding area as well," Zhang said.

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## Books bound for local schools

**GIVE Center, Gamma Sigma Sigma host book drive**

BY JOANNA SULLIVAN  
STAFF WRITER

A book drive has recently been formed to help local children and adults alike who lack a necessary privilege — the ability to read books. Starting this past Tuesday, the service sorority Gamma Sigma Sigma and the volunteering organization First Book started collaborating similar ideas to create an organization for the common good.

Kaitlyn Dietz, a sophomore biology major and member of Gamma Sigma Sigma, was a founder of the book drive.

"We had the idea to have a book drive at first and to take the books we use to local schools and do a book buddy program," Dietz said. "As that started up, we had book donations from the history club, not just for kids, but there were a bunch of books for adults donated. The books will begin going to the education program, which really needs them, and also to local schools and to health centers. We wanted to find a place to donate to those who will put them to good use."

Last semester as Gamma Sigma Sigma was preparing for this large-scale drive, First Book was forming similar plans.

"Kaitlyn Dietz and I went to high school together and we found out we were both

having a book drive for Baldwin County, so we decided instead of doing them separately, to combine our efforts to make the best book drive that we could," said service leader of First Book Anna-Marie DiPalma.

Gamma Sigma Sigma and First Book have since collaborated with the local Kidney Dialysis Center providing books for the patients that have little to do while they lie in the hospital day after day.

The two groups initially dealt with some unforeseen circumstances like bad weather when the book drive was intended to start, but they have made significant progress despite their conditions.

"It was a rainy day on Tuesday so we didn't get the amount of books we would have liked, but on Wednesday we actually had a teacher who said she would donate a box of books," Dietz said. "This is our first book drive. We want to try doing it every month and we're still working on getting together with elementary schools in the area."

The groups are trying to reach the goal of having a book for every elementary school student at Eagle Ridge Elementary, which would come to about 350 books, but they are up to the challenge.

"Our goal is to have all of



MANDY ELLIS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Kaitlyn Dietz collects books as part of the Gamma Sigma Sigma book drive. The groups received books from RSOs, professors and Greek organizations.

the books we need and to present them to Eagle Ridge at the beginning of next month on a Friday," DiPalma said. "We want to start holding reading days with the kids where we can go into the classrooms and show the kids how important books are."

Gamma Sigma Sigma and First Book are still in the process of receiving donations and also gaining new members to help with the cause. Books can be dropped off at The GIVE Center at any time and will be given to any of the three organizations the book drive is donating to.

# Matt Damon shines in 'Green Zone'

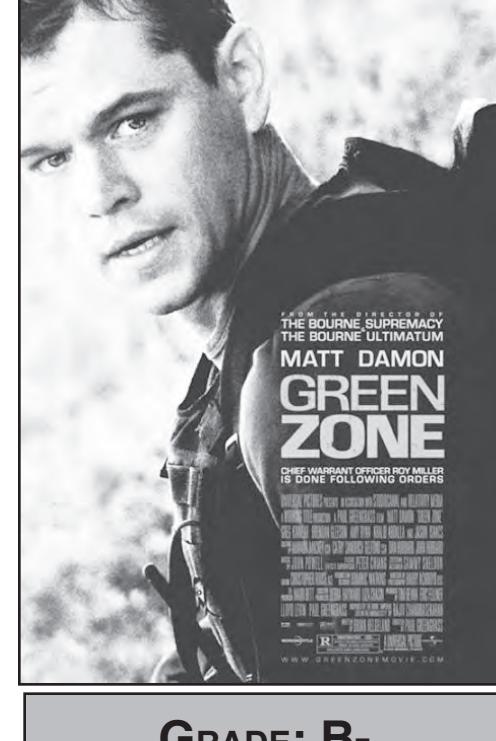
BY CHRIS MOSKALY  
REVIEWER

"Green Zone" is what you get when you place a character like Jason Bourne in the middle of "The Hurt Locker." It may sound like a tough gamble to combine unlikely characters with realistic scenarios, but director Paul Greengrass has shown before that he knows how to properly orchestrate these sorts of equations, and "Green Zone" is no exception. Like other political thrillers, the plot trudges through a lot of familiar territory with Greengrass' shaky camera work, but with Matt Damon guiding it along the way, it still manages to keep breathing fresh air at every turn.

Set in 2003 at the dawn of the U.S. invasion of Iraq, "Green Zone" chronicles a team of military investigators who are sent into the desert to find weapons of mass destruction. They are led by warrant officer Roy Miller (Damon), and when we first meet him, his team is already on the move treading through numerous booby-traps and empty sites. They're looking for chemical weapons, and as they go from one green zone to the next, Miller becomes increasingly frustrated with intelligence agent Clark Poundstone (Greg Kinnear) back at the Pentagon. Where did Intel get its information about the hidden WMDs? Why can't Miller's team find any of them? And what does the CIA Baghdad bureau chief (Brendan Gleeson) know about Poundstone's initiative that could overthrow the entire mission?

The mystery of wondering whether or not there are actually any weapons to find could be addressed in another film alone, but as you may have already guessed, this film is not centered on building up to an ominous climax. This is a film about national conspiracies and how far big corporations will go to cover them up; even if it means risking one of their best men.

What drives "Green Zone" on its highest attribute is the performance of Damon. In the same rock-solid form that embodied Jason Bourne, Damon brings a special human element to Miller's personality that enables us to understand him better than just another protagonist who's torn between the mission and his own personal morals. Consider for example, a scene in which he befriends an Iraqi civilian named Freddie (Khalid Abdalla) who has been permanently crippled by the ongoing violence. Listen very closely as the two of them share a series of deep discussions about democracy and how messy it can be to replace a whole regime of government officials just because the current one isn't



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working. Even if we can predict the inclusion of such conversations, it's the way these actors deliver the words that adds a unique sense of authenticity to their meaning.

Aside from this, the remaining pieces of "Green Zone" are mostly a routine exercise of the political thriller basics. What makes it purely a Greengrass feature is his use of the hand-held camera technique and how he pits us right into the middle of the action. Obviously the chaos of war needs no assistance in feeling like a reality, but in following Miller through the desert and into the streets of Baghdad, Damon convinces us that this truly is a man with a purpose, and not just some disposable pawn of a character who's been pointed straight ahead into a conflict.

So in short, "Green Zone" is 2010's first example of a film garnered to a very particular audience. And while it should easily please the Jason Bourne fan base that enjoys fast-paced entertainment, I'm afraid Greengrass' hot hands are starting to cool. It was always refreshing to take the next step in the revelations of a governmental machine, but since that book has now been closed, it feels like Greengrass is trying to piece together the scraps of what he left behind. Oh well, I guess one person's trash can be someone else's treasure ... unless of course the government tells you it's hidden somewhere in the desert.

## Spotlight

By: Stephanie Sorensen



### INTERNATIONAL CONTENDER ON CAMPUS

For a man that has a 15-page résumé comprised of experience in working with the top world contenders, it is surprising to know that Dr. Roger Coate, didn't have a set path as a student, but only an ambition to become an international lawyer.

As a professor in government and sociology at GCSU, Coate hopes to implement a stronger field in international studies.

*"We are now located in a world that is dramatically different than the world I grew up in. The world is ever changing around us, if students don't understand how the international realm functions now, then they won't be able to understand or participate in governance in the future."*

—Dr. Roger Coate



With the program still in the making, Coate is teaching International Relations, a course that explores international relationships and how they relate to politics.

After teaching for 28 years at the University of South Carolina, Coate came to teach at GCSU in an effort not to retire from teaching. Throughout his career Coate has dealt with major issues that shaped international law and through teaching is building up the next generation for international politics.

## Rennie Harris dancers pop and lock with hip-hop moves

BY CHELSEA THOMAS  
SENIOR REPORTER

Heavy landing feet and sharp, jerking movements rocked the Russell Auditorium stage this past Monday. Popping, locking and "b-boying," the Rennie Harris Puremovement Company dancers brought hip-hop to Milledgeville for the first time in years, giving demonstrations of hip-hop from the early 1900s until modern day times.

Native to Philadelphia, the Rennie Harris Puremovement Company was brought to Milledgeville by a grant from The National Endowment for the Arts and Arts Unlimited. It offered a morning demonstration for local public schools, a night performance filled with audience in-

teraction and a dance workshop for GCSU dance minors.

"Hip-hop transitioned from gang members to the 'cultural gang,'" said Rennie Harris, founder of RHPM and 2007 Artist of the Year, granted by Pennsylvania's First Lady Judge Marjorie O. Rendell. "The foundation of hip-hop is innovation and change."

At the night demonstration in Russell Auditorium, five dancers taught the audience the art of different dance steps, such as popping, waving, locking, b-boying, housing and break dancing.

Junior biology major and dance minor Christina Spilker went to the show with an open mind and was soon enamored by the versatility of the hip-hop presented.

"(The RHPM demonstration) exceeded my expectations because it had multiple forms of hip-hop," Spilker said. "Having hip-hop companies come to Milledgeville is beneficial because it gives college students and people in the community an opportunity to see more forms of dance than just ballet or modern. It enriches their mentality towards performing arts."

According to the RHPM Web site, the company believes hip-hop is the "most important original expression of a new generation" and that it is now being more universally recognized as an art and not a "violent, undisciplined counterculture."

"I believe that dance in any form is a great form of art," said Katie Perreault, a junior athletic

training major. "(RHPM) did a very good job of informing (the audience) about hip-hop and its history."

Surprising to many community members, most of the dancers were in their early 20s and yet, Harris said 10 years of dance training and practice was a minimum for RHPM dancers.

Another student who attended the RHPM night demonstration was Brittni Collins, a senior mass communication major and dance minor. She was also able to attend a workshop offered this past Tuesday and interacted with Harris, who she said is funny.

"I think they are transforming the face of hip-hop into a trained dance," Collins said. "The demonstration and master class explained the deep roots hip-hop

has in other dance styles such as jazz, cha-cha, tap and even Irish stepping. They are essentially bringing cultures together and showing people that hip-hop is for everyone."

RHPM serves as the international hip-hop ambassador and hopes to provide a sincere view of the strength and agility of this dance form. Founded in 1992, RHPM hopes to teach an appreciation for diversity and hip-hop culture.

"I like how an integral facet of the company is that they strive to educate both their company members and the audiences to which they perform," said Joye Server, a senior English major and dance minor. "In doing so they break the stereotypes of 'street dancing.'"

## Jazz band shines spotlight on Count Basie in latest concert

BY MATT KUHL  
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU Jazz Band played its spring concert March 4-5 in front of a sizable Russell Auditorium audience.

Highlighting the great jazz pianist Count Basie, the band played 14 classic songs, including "Georgia on my Mind," "Flight of the Foo Birds" and "Shiny Stockings."

Dr. Todd Shiver, the band director, praised the band, saying that it was a superb performance by the players.

"There was a lot of variety," said Shiver of the concert's songs. Several notable performances stood out on the night. Joey Hollis, the band's guitarist, played solos in "Shiny Stockings" and "Splanky," highlighting an aspect of the band that some might have overlooked.

Sarah Fender, the band's vocalist, sang three songs, including "I've Got the World on a String," while trombonist Jeremy Dudley showed his versatility by singing a rousing rendition of the Ray Charles song "Busted." Yet another song, "Scoot," featured trombonist Philip Gubser playing

a jazz flute solo.

Continuing with tradition, history professor Dr. Bob Wilson emceed the event, providing both background on the pieces and further entertainment for the audience, with a slightly dirty joke about the song "Flight of the Foo Birds" and an imitation of Franklin Delano Roosevelt that had the audience in stitches.

There was a bittersweet note for the band, as well. The concert, according to Shiver, was probably alto saxophonist Kyle Christmas's last one with the band. Christmas, who will be graduating this semester, gave the audience a terrific solo during Hoagy Carmichael's "Georgia on My Mind."

The Jazz Band will perform two more times this semester. On April 1 it will play at the Douglass Theater, located at 355 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd in downtown Macon, and April 23 the band will perform on Front Campus for this year's Jazzfest. Additionally, Dr. Shiver noted that many alumni of the Jazz Band will return to GCSU on May 1 to play in a fundraiser for the music department.



SCOTTY THOMPSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The GCSU Jazz Band performs its spring concert, which featured the music of jazz pianist Count Basie. The concert was held March 4-5 in Russell Auditorium.



DANIELLE PALUGA / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Participants in Dance Marathon learn a morale dance to keep their spirits alive after hours of dancing. Around 300 girls filled Magnolia Ballroom to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network.

## Dancing the night away

### Dance Marathon raises money for Macon children's hospital

BY JOANNA SULLIVAN  
STAFF WRITER

This past Saturday, a swashbuckling crowd gathered in Magnolia Ballroom for one of the dance parties of the year. The pirate-themed event full of games and eight hours of activities was put on by Dance Marathon. The event was a part of the Children's Miracle Network and it happens every year to raise money for the Children's Hospital in Macon.

Megan White, a senior nursing major, who holds the family relations position, has been the director for the past two years.

"This is our sixth year of holding the Dance Marathon at GCSU," White said. "The first year there were only 35 participants and they raised \$3,000. Then last year we had over 200 participants."

The event for this year has proven to grow even more, with 300 girls signed up and around \$22,000 donated. Every year

the organization will buy something new for the Children's Hospital, a few years ago it was a chemotherapy chair and this year the money will go to the radiology department.

"The actual event is like a party, it's a celebration, that's why the room is decorated," White said. "This is a big celebration because the participants have to raise \$50 in order to be here. No one person can take credit for this."

The girls that attended took part in a variety of activities for an eight-hour period, competing in group competitions and learning a dance routine. Junior art history major Chelsea Oglesby was a part of the morale team, which involved decorating the ballroom, deciding on what games to play and choreographing the morale dance.

"The whole point is to stay on your feet for eight hours," Oglesby said. "We do the morale dance, which is a dance that I made

up and it's a compilation of about sixteen different songs. Each little song has its own dance and throughout the eight-hour event, every hour on the hour, I teach two parts of it. So by the end of the day, there is a six-minute long dance that everybody knows."

The girls participating got to wear pirate hats and eye patches and were awarded gold coins and such for different activities. The pirate theme, among many other things, was decided upon by members of the executive board, like Adam Gillhouse, who has been working with Dance Marathon for three years.

"It takes about a year's worth of planning to create an event this big," Gillhouse said. "It's really exciting to see all of the people that come out and then at the end of the day, it's really rewarding with how much money we raise knowing all that money goes directly to the hospital."

There were six families from the Chil-



JOANNA SULLIVAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The dancers split into color-coordinated teams to untangle themselves from a human knot. After the night of March 6, over \$22,000 was raised.

dren's Hospital that attended Dance Marathon that come to interact with the students and to show them the direct effect of their hard work.

"We build relationships with the people at the hospital and then with a lot of the families," Gillhouse said. "One of the kids, Kristina Venable, passed away last year and her family is going to be here today. She was a really big part of the Dance Marathon family. Even though she has passed away, her family is still here to support us."

In turn, the dancers participating got the chance to interact with the families and be there to support them.

"The greatest part about this event is just being here for the kids," Gabby Mobley, a freshman nursing major, said. "With this we show them we can endure the eight hours of dancing and standing up for them because they have to endure so much every day."

## Avoid The Burn & Have A Ball!

### Safe Spring Break Days

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# Community News

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## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### CAR CONUNDRUM

According to a Public Safety report, March 6 at approximately 12:14 a.m. officer Gary Purvis observed a male try to enter Maj. Joe Grant's police car which was parked behind Amici. The enforcement lights were activated and the vehicle was locked. After the unsuccessful attempt to enter the vehicle, the male walked away and sat down on some steps. Contact was made with the man, who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and was 20 years old. The male advised that he had been in Capital City and his friends had left him, and he thought the police car was his friends' car. When given a breathalyzer test, the male registered .176. He was arrested and transported to the Milledgeville Police Department and charged with underage possession of alcohol.

### ALREADY GONE

According to a Public Safety report, March 5 at approximately 12:34 a.m. officer Tron Smith was dispatched to Adams Hall in reference to the odor of burning marijuana in one of the rooms. Contact was made with a resident, who advised he had been smoking marijuana but did not have any left. He turned over a smoking device, which he stated he used for smoking the marijuana. A search was conducted, but no drugs or other drug related paraphernalia were found. The case has been turned over to the Student Judicial Board.

### SMOKED OUT

According to a Public Safety report, March 3 at approximately 8:12 p.m. Sgt. Michael Baker was dispatched to Parkhurst Hall in reference to illegal drug activity going on in one of the dorm rooms. Contact was made with a student, who advised he did not currently have any illegal drugs in his room, but did in the past. A search of his room recovered two small, empty plastic bags with the odor of marijuana inside, a smoking device containing burnt marijuana and scattered remains of marijuana on his desk. The case has been turned over to Student Judicial.

### REEFER

### MADNESS

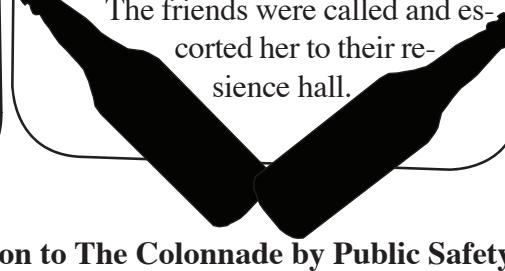
According to a Public Safety report, March 5 at approximately 12:09 p.m. Sgt. Hal Ennis was dispatched to The Village in reference to drug activity. Contact was made with two males, who were in the bathroom smoking marijuana. The room was searched and no other marijuana was found. But, Ennis did find several smoking devices. The smoking devices were destroyed and the case turned over to Student Judiciary.

### WHY CAN'T WE BE FRIENDS?

According to a Public Safety report, March 7 at approximately 2:28 a.m. officer Gary Purvis was dispatched to GCSU Police Station in reference to three males having an altercation in front of the station. Contact was made with the males, who stated they started the argument downtown and continued all the way to that location. All parties admitted they had been drinking and fighting, and no one wanted to press charges and stated that they would go home. They were released from the scene and no further action was taken.

### GOOD FRIENDS

According to a Public Safety report, March 6 at approximately 2:47 a.m. officer Gary Purvis was dispatched to Adams Hall in reference to a female who was intoxicated and lost. Contact was made with a female, who had slurred speech and was unsteady on her feet. She stated she had been in Capitol City with her friends and gotten lost. She gave the names of two friends, one of whom Public Safety dispatch was able to obtain a phone number for. The friends were called and escorted her to their residence hall.



### TAINTED YOUTH

According to a Public Safety report, March 4 at approximately 8:33 a.m. officer Scott Lance was dispatched to Early College in reference to a juvenile student assaulting staff members who were trying to break up a fight. The juvenile was arrested and transported to the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and will be taken to the Sandersville Youth Detention Center.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, March 12 - Thursday, April 1

### Saturday, March 13

1 p.m. Tennis vs. Lander - Centennial Center  
1 p.m. Softball vs. Tusculum - West Campus

### Sunday, March 14

1 p.m. Baseball vs. Augusta State - West Campus

### Monday, March 15

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Where's Waldo Bingo - Student Activity Center  
8 a.m.-2 p.m. Women's Leadership Symposium - Magnolia Ballroom

### Tuesday, March 16

7 p.m. 8-10 p.m. Baseball vs. Lenoir-Rhyne  
Safe Spring Break Days: Sexual Health Trivia - MSU Banquet Room

### Wednesday, March 17

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Safe Spring Break Days: Check Out Your Skin - Arts & Sciences fountain  
12:30 p.m. Times Talk - Beeson Hall lower level  
2 p.m. Tennis vs. Brenau College  
2 p.m. Baseball vs. Lenoir-Rhyne

### Thursday, March 18

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Safe Spring Break Days: Free Mocktails - Arts & Sciences Fountain  
7:30 p.m. Concert Band Spring Concert - Russell Auditorium

### Wednesday, March 24

4 p.m. Softball vs. USC Aiken - West Campus

### Sunday, March 28

1 p.m. Tennis vs. Clayton State - Centennial Center

### Monday, March 29

7:30 p.m. Guest Art Recital: Digital Multimedia Event - Max Noah Recital Hall

### Wednesday, March 31

12:30 p.m. Times Talk - Beeson Hall lower level

Please send calendar submissions to [ryan.delcampo@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.delcampo@gmail.com).



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Section Editor, Preston Sellers

# Bobcats to play in NCAA tourney

## Men's hoops earns No. 3 seed, will face USC Aiken in opening round

BY COURTNEY KELLY  
STAFF REPORTER

On March 7, the GCSU men's basketball team received an at-large bid to the NCAA Southeast Regional Tournament in Augusta, extending their postseason after their bid for a Peach Belt Conference championship came to an end March 3.

Despite recently being named No. 3 in the NCAA Southeast Region rankings and No. 14 in the nation, the Bobcats suffered a disappointing loss against Clayton State in the first round of the PBC Championship tournament.

"I think that kind of woke all of us up, players and coaches, to realize we've got to get back to work," head coach Terry Sellers said. "It gave us time to get back to the basics, kind of start practicing and doing the things that we did earlier in the season to have the kind of season that we had."

The Bobcats have compiled an impressive 22-5 record overall, and a 15-2 conference record. This is the 11th time in school history that the men's basketball team has reached 20 wins in a season and the eighth time under Sellers.

"I think just the combination of good young men and high-character guys that really have worked well together all year (have helped us

do so well)," Sellers said. "I think also our team chemistry and our teamwork. The guys have just done a good job all season."

The team also set a new school record for their best PBC start with 11 straight conference wins, beating its previous record of 8-0.

"I'm very proud of our guys for accomplishing that because it's a very tough conference and that's not an easy thing to do," Sellers said. "Those first 11 games, if you could've given me 8-3, I would've thought, 'Man, that's pretty good.' But they kind of exceeded maybe even what I thought they could do."

At home, the Bobcats had a solid record of 10-2.

"When the crowd gets into the game and you get the momentum going, the other team kind of shuts down a little bit," senior point guard Ty Rowland said. "Another thing is, we had a goal before the year started that we were going to go undefeated at home, so a home game is really important to us ... and to go with such a good home record is a good thing for us."

Rowland and senior guard Graham Martin have both been named to All-PBC teams. Rowland was named to the third team with an average of 5.2 assists per contest, fourth in the league. Martin, who averaged 15.6 points

per game and is the fifth leading scorer in the league, was named to the first team.

"I'm really proud of myself. It's been kind of one of my goals," Martin said. "I've wanted to make it since sophomore year and it's kind of eluded me every year, so to finally make it, it's like a weight off my shoulders."

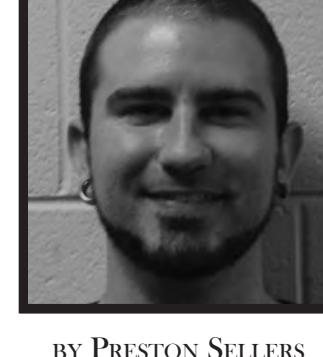
GCSU will play USC Aiken tomorrow at noon. If they advance, they could face a matchup with another PBC opponent, a red-hot Montevallo squad that knocked off previous No. 1 Augusta State in the PBC tournament, on Sunday at 5 p.m.

"(We've had) five days to really work on things that we need to improve at this time, so it's more just working on ourselves and staying in shape and kind of sharpening up things as opposed to focusing on our opponent," Martin said.

The Bobcats are determined to make some noise in the upcoming tournament.

"We decided at the beginning of the year to not only make it to the tournament, but to make it and advance," Sellers said. "This team's been determined all year to make it and not just be happy to be there, but to do something when we get there. So hopefully they'll be in a good frame of mind and ready to go."

## THE SIDE LINE



BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

A week later, my normally-quiet college town is still buzzing after "The Roethlisberger Incident," and with good reason. It's not every day a star athlete shows up to party with us college kids in Milledgeville, and I'd have to say even less often that athlete leaves with sexual assault accusations from a GCSU sophomore.

Here's how I see it.

Ben Roethlisberger may or may not be a rapist, but if nothing else, he is one of the dumbest superstar athletes in history. He seems to have acquired no sense of what it means to be a quarterback in the NFL, and instead, treats his position as an entitlement to do whatever he wants, whenever he wants, to whoever he wants. I have never met the man, and based on what I know of him, I never want to. I can count on one hand the athletes I would say the same thing about.

Whatever happened in a Capital City bathroom is largely irrelevant to me at this point. The point is, what the hell is Ben Roethlisberger doing with a GCSU sophomore in the Capital City bathroom in the first place? I don't care how drunk he was. I don't care if she was leading him on, if she was starstruck, if she wanted to impress a celebrity, whatever. I don't care how attractive the girl is, if my name was Ben Roethlisberger I'd be dating supermodels and actresses, not skimming through a Middle Georgia dance club for a hookup.

The onus is on Roethlisberger to say to himself, "maybe this is a bad idea, this could get out of hand," but instead, Big Ben decided to see just what his status could get him. And if it wasn't that easy, maybe he decided to take it anyway.

If nothing else, maybe he'll learn a lesson from this. But probably not. He'll probably slither out of this one too, with his high-priced lawyer and the reputation of the NFL in consideration.

Maybe someday soon, in another college town like Athens or Statesboro, you can run into Big Ben. If you're a guy, maybe you'll get his autograph (if you still want it at this point). If you're a girl, maybe you'll get more than you bargained for.

Send your feedback to [colonnadesports.gcsu.edu](mailto:colonnadesports.gcsu.edu) or at Twitter/VentGCSU.

## Baseball drops three of four, Dewald stars in win



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Senior designated hitter Richard Pirkle connects with a pitch during Game 1 of a doubleheader against North Georgia this past Saturday.

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU baseball team struggled to a 1-3 record in their four games this past week, with the lone win featuring an outstanding pitching performance from senior Martin Dewald.

On Tuesday, the team was on the road to face Erskine College in a high scoring game that ended in a tough defeat for the Bobcats with a final score at 21-14.

In the first inning, the Bobcats managed to score two runs. However, the Flying Fleet responded

by scoring six runs in the first inning and two in the second to set the score at 8-2. In the third inning, GCSU was able to score two runs and prevent the Flying Feet from scoring. Both teams managed to score a single run the fourth to set the score at 9-5. The Bobcats were then able to pull ahead when they scored three runs in the fifth inning, including a two-run homer from senior infielder Steve Muoio, and two runs in the sixth, giving GCSU a 10-9 lead.

The Flying Fleet then stepped

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## THE SHORT STOP



### Upcoming Sports

#### Baseball:

March 13 1, 4 p.m.  
March 14 1 p.m.  
March 16 7 p.m.  
March 17 2 p.m.

#### Tennis:

March 13 1 p.m.

Augusta State  
Augusta State  
Lenoir-Rhyne  
Lenoir-Rhyne  
Lander

### Quote of the Week

"Ultimately, the Steelers get to decide who their quarterback is, not Ben Roethlisberger. He could just be an immature guy who drinks a bit more than most, gets involved with the ladies, but is not a criminal. Or he could be a rapist, who just happens to be a star quarterback in the NFL."

— David Moulton, Naples News

### Stat of the Week

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Ben Roethlisberger's Super Bowl ring total, and the number of women who have claimed the quarterback sexually assaulted them in the last year.

## Intramural Notebook

by Caleb Rule, Staff Reporter

### C-league, just for fun

Are you tired of getting blown out by teams that should be playing A-league, but aren't?

Does playing against teams that care way too much about winning ruin the fun for you?

The solution is quite simple: play C-league.

Now, I realize this is only an option for the men; women, you're kind of stuck with two options, one being dominated by sororities and serious athletes. And as for co-ed leagues, there will always be a few teams that could move up and compete, but won't.

However, with the men, that's not the case.

Take basketball. I usually get competitive on the floor, though I'll admit basketball is easily my worst sport. Many times, I leave the court frustrated and wondering why I paid for this unhappy feeling.

This past Sunday, my team won our first-round playoff game 39-31. It was a back-and-forth affair, the type of contest that normally gets people red in the face when a call doesn't go their way.

Not here.

In fact, when an opposing player made a nice pass inside for an easy layup, tying the game late in the second half, a couple of my teammates simply said "nice shot." And the same was true if we had a nice play offensively.

Heck, because we won, we had to turn around and play again 5 minutes later, and were blown out 78-32. And yet, I have never laughed so much while playing a sport before. With ten minutes to go in the second half, with a 40-point spread, both teams engaged in a bit of trick-shot competition, with no-look over-the-head half-court shots bouncing off the rim.

When I had a free throw with a minute left (I was hacked just for fun by a friend), I granny-shot the first (and made it) ... and then saw the scoreboard read 76-75. Even the intramural supervisors couldn't help but get in on the fun!

Nice guys, friendly competition, winning not equaling life and death?

Yeah, I'll be playing C-league softball. Because it brings the fun to those who don't feel being good at a sport is the only way to be smiling while playing.

## Tennis finds mixed results against tough competition

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU men's and women's tennis teams had a tough week against top-level competition. The men's squad was able to salvage a 2-2 week with wins Sunday and Tuesday after dropping Friday and Saturday matches to top-15 opponents, while the women's squad could not find a win in three matches over the span.

Most recently, the men's team faced Concord on Tuesday, overpowering the Lions 9-0 with a lineup not normally seen from the Bobcats. Head coach Steve Barsby moved some players around, resting seniors Joao Casagrande and Giovane Nucci.

This allowed the younger Bobcats a chance to shine, as freshmen Tyler Franks and Johan Wadstein each picked up wins at singles and doubles, and fellow freshman Wictor Andersson earned a victory at fifth singles. The sophomores impressed as well, with Jerome Leborgne and Leo Bernardes picking up two wins each and Bobby Angelucci grabbing a doubles victory.

Senior Max Beliankou was reliable as usual, picking up two more wins to improve to 8-2 in singles, the best record for the Bobcats this season.

Both squads were in action every day of last weekend. Friday saw the Bobcat squads face Francis Marion, who has both of its teams in the top 15 nationally. The No. 4 women's team defeated the Bobcats 6-3, though GCSU was up 2-1 after doubles, thanks to strong wins from the French first doubles pair of senior Diane Danna and junior Bertille Lion, and the third doubles duo of sophomore Adriana Acuna and freshman Linda Mosa. Danna and Lion's win came at the expense of the No. 2 doubles duo in the nation.

The No. 11 Bobcat men fell to the No. 15 Patriots 5-4, getting their wins at third doubles from Bernardes and Wadstein, and at third, fifth and sixth singles from Beliankou, Bernardes, and Casagrande, respectively.

"Maybe they were a little better than us that day, maybe we didn't play as well as we should," Barsby said. "Like I've been saying, we're gonna win some matches we shouldn't, and lose some we should win."

On Saturday, the Bobcat squads were no match for either of the teams from Lynn, and were blanked 5-0 in both men's and women's matches. The Fighting Knights



LISSA SPEER / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Senior Joao Casagrande volleys a forehand shot against USC Aiken on Feb. 28.

are ranked No. 4 in men's and No. 2 and women's, and proved their top-five power against GCSU.

On Sunday, the Bobcat men's squad started slow against Flagler, dropping first and second doubles. Bernardes and Wadstein picked up a victory in third doubles to prevent the sweep.

In singles, the Bobcats exploded for five wins in six matches. Leborgne lost a heartbreaker 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 at first singles, but his teammates more than made up for it. Wadstein took second singles 6-3, 6-3, Beliankou won 6-1, 6-3 at third singles, Nucci took the victory 6-2, 6-3 at the fourth slot, Bernardes won 6-3, 6-1 at fifth, and Casagrande completed the run with a 6-0, 6-1 victory at sixth singles.

The Bobcat women were not as fortunate, falling 6-3 to the Saints. GCSU dropped all three doubles matches, and split the six singles matches, getting wins from Danna at first singles 6-3, 6-4, freshman Kayla Barksdale at the second slot 6-3, 5-7, 6-2, and Lion at third singles 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

"Our top three girls came out on fire in singles," Barsby said. "Flagler beat Augusta pretty bad and Augusta beat us, so on paper it looked like a mismatch, so I was really happy with the way the girls played."

The Bobcats host Lander tomorrow at 1 p.m., with both squads in action.

## Champions!

### Dodgeball:

Men's: Hand Puppet Mafia

Women's: Purple Cobras

### Basketball:

Women's B: Sigma Alpha Omega

Women's A: Orange Crush

Men's C: Team Brazzers

Men's B: Yum Yum Sauce

Men's A: Oreos

Coed B: Gecko Bulls

Coed A: Truffle Shuffle

## Softball Notes

Softball is back! The newly-renovated fields are having the finishing touches put on them, and will be ready for the season's start, which is March 15. So in case you haven't been practicing, time's running out to prepare.

A few things to remember:

1.) Bats must be ASA (Amateur Softball Association) or USSA (United States Softball Association) approved. If you play with a bat that isn't approved, your team could face forfeiting a game, or some other penalty. There are Web sites with lists of unapproved bats, such as cactusumpires.com

2.) You must have your own glove/bats. Cleats are recommended, as well. Warm-up softballs will also not be provided by Rec. Sports.

3.) Batters begin the count with one ball, one strike. (Yes, many people don't realize this when they play until they strike out)

4.) There are no walks in Men's C, Women's B, and Co-ed B-league; instead, after four balls, a pitcher from the batter's team comes out and throws up to two pitches. The batter must hit one of them in play, or he/she is out.

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## Baseball

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up their game by scoring 11 runs in the seventh, including a three-run homer, to put the game at 20-10 in their favor. GCSU kept fighting with four runs in the eighth, including a two-run RBI from senior first baseman Matt Pitts. However, the Bobcats were unable to overcome the deficit and were defeated 21-14.

"We struggled a great deal on the mound," head coach Tom Carty said. "Our Achilles heel is our pitching, we came into the game and our pitching just had a slump."

GCSU suffered two more tough losses this weekend in a three-game series against North Georgia.

In the game that was played on Friday, North Georgia quickly took the lead by scoring three runs in the first inning while the Bobcats were unable to get a run. In the second inning, the Bobcats scored a single run and prevented the Saints from scoring to set the score at 3-1 with the Bobcats trailing.

In the fourth North Georgia pulled in two runs and one run in the seventh to set the score at 6-1 in their advantage. After a scoreless eighth inning, the Saints pulled in four more runs in the ninth while the Bobcats added a homer in the ninth, which resulted in a GCSU defeat with the score at 10-2.

The Bobcats and the Saints finished their series with a doubleheader on Saturday, which ended in a split between the two.

In the first game, North Georgia quickly earned a huge lead over GCSU by scoring three runs in the second in-

ning and five more in the third, giving them an 8-0 lead. In the eighth inning, each team scored two runs, the Bobcats coming on RBIs from senior outfielder Sean Harrell and junior infielder Jason Veyna, making the score 10-2 with the Bobcats trailing. The Saints scored two more in the ninth and the game ended in a 12-2 defeat for GCSU.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Bobcats took the final game of the series when they shut out North Georgia 7-0. The Bobcats scored four runs in the fifth including a solo homer from senior infielder Paul Bordon, to put them ahead at 4-0. In the eighth inning, GCSU put three more runs on the scoreboard including a three-run homer from Bordon and the Bobcats took the third game of the series. Dewald hurled a complete-game shutout with 10 strikeouts to shut down the Saints' offense.

"This is not how we wanted to do in a conference home series," Carty said. "In the third game we executed pitches better and kept their offense off balance, the only positive about the series is that we didn't get swept."

The game that was scheduled to take place at home against Clark Atlanta on Wednesday was postponed due to rain. The game has been rescheduled for March 30.

The Bobcats are at home this weekend at they face Augusta State in a three-game series, with a doubleheader set for Saturday and the third game Sunday at 1 p.m.

"Hopefully we'll stay sharp and get our workouts in away from the rain," Carty said. "We'll get our hitters hitting indoors, our pitchers pitching indoors and improve on the mound to get ready for the weekend."

## Women's hoops

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"It was really rewarding to finish with a twenty-win season. All the hard work we put in practice paid off."

Huffin knows that the team must work extra hard this offseason.

"I have to get stronger and prevent injuries," Huffin added. "As a team, we all have to come out with a 'nothing-to-lose' type attitude when we hit the floor."

Next year, GCSU will rely heavily upon Huffin, junior forward Tammeisha Law, and junior guards Jordan, Jessica Baker and Mandi Dudish.

Dudish, a prolific three-point shooter, missed significant time this season due to an on-going knee injury.

"Du," as she is known by her team mates and coaches, will undergo knee surgery on March 31 to alleviate and fix her pain. If all goes accordingly, Dudish should be back in about five months.

"I should be ready to go by pre-sea-

son workout," Dudish said. "It's going to be tough but I'm ready."

Even as the season ends, the players are enthused with the talent that will return.

"We have established chemistry," sophomore guard Ashleigh Fox said. "We will have the same goals next year. We don't want to come up short again."

Dudish seconded Fox's sentiments.

"We will be keeping a lot of talent," Dudish said. "Hopefully the team will be getting better on their own during the offseason."

Carrick will be chomping at the bit to get back on the court. For now, though, he must reminisce on a successful season that saw the Bobcats win the PBC western division title, garner a 20-win campaign (the ninth under Carrick), and complete a winning road record for the first time in more than four years.

"We played great defense all year," Carrick said. "If we can shoot better next season, I think the foundation is there for another successful year."

# Softball woes continue, Bobcats drop seven of eight

*Solid pitching from Burnett not enough, bats go quiet in Pembroke sweep after tough Mid South Classic*

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SENIOR REPORTER

The growing pains are continuing for the GCSU softball team. The Bobcats dropped five out of six games in last weekend's Mid South Classic in Spartanburg, S.C., and then dropped a conference double-header at home against UNC Pembroke on Tuesday.

In Tuesday's doubleheader, solid pitching from sophomore Haley Burnett wasn't enough in a 3-1 loss to the Braves in the opener. UNC Pembroke drew first blood in the third, when an RBI single made the score 1-0.

The Bobcats answered back in the bottom of the inning. Freshman third baseman Kelsea Martin led off with a single and advanced to second on senior centerfielder Allison Schwimer's sacrifice bunt. Martin came around to score when senior first baseman Kayla Smith reached on a fielding error.

UNC Pembroke regained the lead in the fourth. An error, a double and a wild pitch made it 2-1. The Braves extended the lead to 3-1 in the seventh on a solo home run.

The Bobcats managed just three hits off Braves pitching. Burnett gave up all three runs and seven hits over six-plus innings in the losing effort.

UNC Pembroke combined more dominant pitching with explosive hitting in the nightcap to knock off the Bobcats, 10-2 in six innings. The Braves got on the board first in the second on an RBI single. They extended that lead in the third, when a two-run blast made it 4-0 after the Braves had tacked on another run.

GCSU cut the lead to 4-1 in their half of the third, thanks to an RBI single by Smith. But the Braves scored five times on four hits in the fourth to blow the game open. The Bobcats got their only other run of the game in the fifth, when Schwimer doubled and scored on a single by Martin. Freshman Kristi Rodriguez took the loss.

The Mid South Classic, like the other weekend tournaments this season, was an unkind one to the Bobcats. In Friday's opener, they dropped a 6-1 decision to Carson-Newman. Junior Brandie Monroe's RBI single in the bottom of the second ignited the only run of the game for GCSU. Burnett took the loss on the mound for



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Senior second baseman Kayla Smith pulls up to stop at third after tagging up on a fly ball during the third inning of Game 1 of a doubleheader against UNC Pembroke this past Tuesday.

the Bobcats.

GCSU dropped two more games Saturday, falling 2-0 to Belmont Abbey in the first game and 10-9 to Catawba in the second. Sunday saw the Bobcats pick up a split, losing 7-5 to Lenoir-Rhyne before knocking off Lincoln Memorial, 5-2. In the loss to Lenoir-Rhyne, Martin led off the game with a home run, one of two hits for her, while Burnett and Smith both collected doubles. Rodriguez took the loss in relief.

In the win over Lincoln Memorial, Burnett pitched a complete game, allowing only two runs, and hit a three-run homer to help her own cause. Smith added an RBI single, while Monroe had an RBI sacrifice fly.

The Bobcats (9-18 overall, 1-3 PBC) will return to action today with a home doubleheader against Tusculum. First pitch is set for 1 p.m.

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